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Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes to launch digital television station

CONCHO, OK-The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma announce the upcoming launch of CATV-47, the first Native American owned and operated television station in the south central United States.

The station will provide educational and cultural Native American programming to viewers in an eight-county area of central and western Oklahoma, with its digital signal reaching homes in Oklahoma City to the east, Kingfisher to the north, Hinton to the west and Anadarko to the south.

Funded, in part, by a grant from the United States Department of Commerce via the National Telecommunications and information Administration, the station will broadcast from facilities at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal headquarters in Concho, Okla., north of El Reno. In anticipation of an April 1 sign-on, the construction phase is nearly complete and equipment installation is underway.

Central to the mission of CATV-47 will be the furtherance of tribal language skills and delivery of positive reinforcement of Native American culture to its viewers. Programming will include CATV-produced shows of local interest as well as award-winning national films, documentaries and more. The station has also secured a content-sharing agreement with the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA).

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have nearly 10,000 enrolled members in the state of Oklahoma and operate numerous businesses in central and western areas of the state, with an estimated economic impact of $32 million.

The tribes also founded the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College in 2006 located on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford, Okla. that CATV-47 is expected to utilize resources from the college in its operations.

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Drawing of the new Canton Head Start building due to open August 2012.

Tribes break ground for new head start school building

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter

Despite brisk chilly winds, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal officials, head start students and guests break ground, marking the beginning of construction for the new head start center in Canton, Okla.

On Feb. 29, 2012 the tribes hosted a traditional ground blessing ceremony and groundbreaking for the long awaited new head start center.

"I have been anxiously awaiting for this day. I am really excited for our children and it is up to us to make sure that our children get a good education," Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice Boswell said in her opening remarks. "I want to thank Moses Starr and those of you on the drum for blessing the grounds. This ceremony really means a lot to all of us as Native American people."

Architects from Maska Builders, LLC out of Tulsa, Okla. instructed the head start students to pull the black veil off of an easel, displaying the designs for the new building.

"The building is still in the design phases, but it has a lot of neat features and it is very energy efficient," Anthony Dobbs, Maska Builders, architect said. "The building will be 6,500 square feet with large classrooms, it will have an indoor play area for when the days are too cold or wet for the children to play outside. There will be a parking lot, covered area for buses and parents to pick up and drop off the children along with two outside playgrounds."

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Energy Conservation Coordinator, Melvin Roman Nose said the head start building would cost approximately $1.6 million to build and will facilitate 35 children.

"If all goes well the Canton head start building will be open for school in August 2012," Roman Nose said.

Roman Nose, along with Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start Director, Colette Berg obtained two separate grants to build the new facility.

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Pictured l-r: Bruce Whiteman, C-1 Legislator, Cheevers Heap of Birds, C-3 Legislator, Melvin Roman Nose, Cheyenne and Arapaho Energy Conservation Coordinator, Bruce Dyer, Cheyenne and Arapaho Special Projects Manager, David Kearns, Maska Builders, LLC. Lastarza Four Horns, 5, Canton head start student, Teresa Dorsett, Cheyenne and Arapaho, Education Department Executive Director, Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice Boswell, Nevaeh Birdshead, 4, Canton head start student, Canton Mayor, Melina Foster, Paige Kirkhart, 5, Canton head start student, Collette Berg, Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start Director, Taygen Whiteman, 4, Canton head start student, Shelene Washington Canton Head Start Supervisor and Rihana La Fountaine, 5, Canton head start student.

"This day is really all about the children so that they can have a better, safe environment. It all started when I wrote a grant in 2007, but the grant was not funded. I wrote another grant in 2009

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Redlands Community College implements All Nations Business Institute program

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Redlands Community College (RCC) is one of seven colleges to receive the Native American Serving non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) grant for their new All Nations Business Institute (ANBI) program.

The ANBI is a bridge program designed to retain, graduate and increase the number of Native Americans and other underserved students who wish to pursue either an Associate in Arts (AA) in Business Administration or an Associate in Applied Sciences (AAS) in Business Administration Technology. The ANBI offers programs that meet current industry standards and continues to expand the number of transfer agreements currently held with four-year institutions within the sate of Oklahoma.

"We are targeting a younger student body, such as the Darlington eighth grade students and that's why we are hosting this field day tour of our campus and facilities today for the Darlington students," Shannon Strain, NASNTI grant director said. "We hope by reaching the kids at a younger age we will motivate them to set goals to attend college and further their education … we want to get students excited about college."

In order to receive the NASNTI grant, colleges had to have a minimum 13 percent Native American student body enrolled in their school. RCC has approximately 300 Native American students who attend their campus in El Reno, Okla.

"We found that there is such a high drop out rate in the rural areas versus metropolitan areas, as I come from, and I am Native American so I understand about not knowing about what to do or how to go about continuing my education when I was in high school. I get what the students don't understand and

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Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Darlington School's eighth grade students spend the day visiting Redlands Community College in El Reno, Okla.

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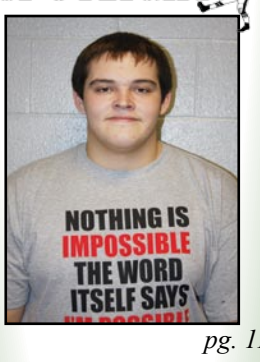

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Identity theft reaches epidemic proportions

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Photo by Rosemary Stephens
Murray "Sue" Whiteshield is the victim of identity theft.

Identity theft impacts thousands of lives each day, but for most people, the thought is "it happens to other people … not me."

That's what Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, Murray "Sue" Whiteshield, thought too; until she found out she was the victim of identity theft.

"I have felt so hopeless and lost about what to do," Whiteshield said.

Whiteshield first found out that her identity had been stolen when she attempted to renew her Oklahoma driver's license on her 60th birthday in February.

"I went to the tag agency where I have always gone to renew my license and the lady there told me I couldn't get a license because my license had been suspended for unpaid tickets in Kentucky, Maryland and Indiana … I have never even been to any of those states in my life," Whiteshield said. "I tried to tell them that whoever got those tickets, it wasn't me, but they couldn't help me … they told me to go to the Oklahoma Attorney General's office."

Whiteshield called the motor vehicle departments in Indiana and Maryland and was told someone with her social security number and information had received an Indiana's driver's license and had unpaid tickets, not just in Indiana but in two other states as well.

Whiteshield said she couldn't convince them that it wasn't her and was told to mail them her original birth certificate and copies of other documents in an attempt to get the situation cleared up.

"They acted like I was lying or something … and they were not very nice or helpful at all. I mailed them my original birth certificate and copies of my tribal ID, social security card and other documents, but they say they haven't received any of the documents and now I don't even know where my birth certificate is," Whiteshield said as she sat wringing her hands. "I am an elder, a veteran and I am on disability … I have been just lost and now I can't even drive my car to my doctor's appointments, the grocery store … I mean I can but what if I get stopped and I don't have a valid driver's license?"

Whiteshield said she went to the Oklahoma Attorney General's office and filed a request to investigate her case of identity theft, however she received a letter stating they could not help her with her case, but did not give her a reason.

When she called the attorney general's office to find out why, "they told me on the phone to go to the Oklahoma Police Department and have them fax my driver's license and fingerprints to Indiana and maybe that would clear this mess up … well I did and they were no help at all either, saying they couldn't help me and that I needed to go to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations. So I go there and again it's like I have done something wrong … I just don't understand all of this and why someone can't help me. I mean this is a crime … someone has stolen my identity and who knows what else they have done."

Whiteshield said she requested copies of her credit report from all three credit reporting agencies, but had not received them in the mail yet.

"I would never wish this to happen to anyone … it's just been terrible. You know I just thought boot training was tough when I was in the military … this whole ordeal has been horrible," Whiteshield said.

At the time of printing, Whiteshield has not had any response from entities she has contacted nor has she received any information on who it is that stole her identity in Indiana.

Based on a range of information gathered from public and private resources, approximately 15 million United States residents have their identities used fraudulently each year with financial losses totaling upwards of $50 billion. On a case-by-case basis, that means approximately 7 percent of all adults have their identities misused with each instance resulting in approximately $3,500 in losses. Close to 100 million additional Americans have their personal identifying information placed at risk of identity theft each year when records maintained in government and corporate databases are lost or stolen. These

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Transportation safety in Indian Country

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

According to the Oklahoma State University Tribal Transportation newsletter, over 40,000 motorists die each year and approximately 3,000,000 are injured on roads and highways across the country. It states, *"During the past 25 years, the number of fatal crashes on Indian lands increased over 50 percent, while the number of fatal crashes in the nation declined by 2 percent."*

Courtesy photo

L-R: Angela Blind, Craig Genzlinger, FHWA, Michael Hensley, Jane Nickel, HIS, Jack Stewart, Canadian County, Dennis Meyers, HIS, Justin Atkinson, Canadian County, Teresa Stephens, ODOT, Lacey Dawson, Canadian County, Jim Self, OSU TTAP, Tom Barton, OHP and Gordon Yellowman view safety program.

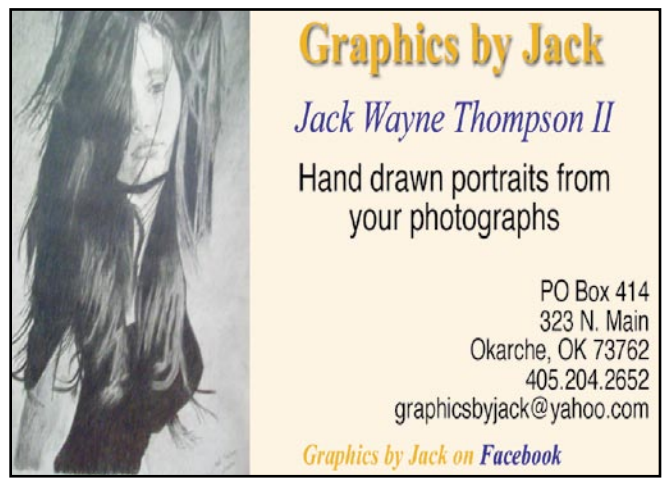
In an effort to reduce fatalities in Indian Country, The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Roads program, in collaboration with the OSU Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP), conducted a Tribal Transportation Safety workshop on Feb. 22, 2012 at the Rollin Haag Native American Church building in Concho, Okla.

"The OSU TTAP provided assistance in setting up this tribal safety workshop with our roads program," Angela Blind, Cheyenne and Arapaho Roads Program, director said. "The goal was to exchange information pertaining to transportation safety as it relates to the tribes' service areas. Crash data reports for several of the counties within the tribes' service areas were provided with the end result being that crash data can now be used to assist in developing the tribes' priority when developing and updating the tribes' transportation plans."

Blind said the roads program found that there were a host of resources available through the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) with initiatives that focus on seat belt safety and drinking and driving.

The focus for the one-day workshop were the four "Es", education, enforcement, engineering and emergency response.

The OSU TTAP conducted a total of four Tribal Safety Workshops in Oklahoma during the month of February that included the Kiowa tribes, the Seminole Nation tribes, the Chickasaw Nation and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.



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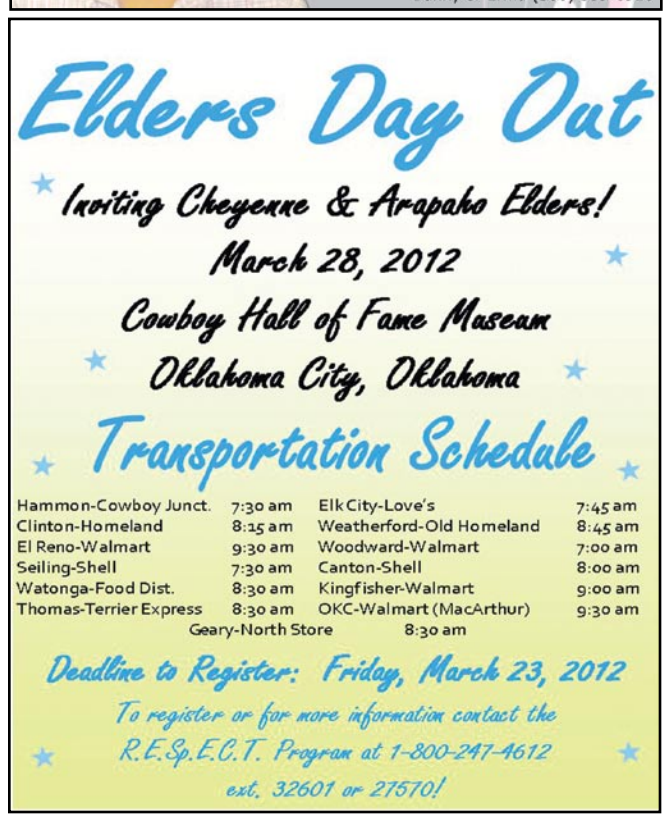
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Canoe receives award as Chief of Police

By Tippy Canoe

John Canoe, of Kingston, Okla. was recently awarded the 2012 Raymond Gary Leadership Award during the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce annual banquet held Feb. 21, 2012.

Canoe has been a member of the Kingston Police Department since 1989 and has served as Chief of Police since 1990. He has shown compassion and dedication in law enforcement and is committed to making the town of Kingston the best it can be. He is held in high regards as to what a civic leader should be.

Those who nominated Canoe for this award believe his service to this community is comparable to that of the late Gov. Raymond Gary, for whom the award was named.

Canoe is the son of the late Olga Carol Whiteshield Canoe and the grandson of the late Etta Belle Wilson, who along with him, are members of the Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma.

Canoe said, "I am proud to receive such a prestigious award and proud to represent my tribe working in law enforcement for the past 25 years."

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Rick Lane, emcee of banquet, presents John Canoe with the 2012 Raymond Gary Leadership Award during an awards banquet on Feb. 21, 2012.

Textile Museum appoints W. Richard West Jr. as interim director

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

W. Richard West Jr.

Washington, D.C.—The Textile Museum announced today that W. Richard West Jr. has been appointed interim director, effective Feb. 27, 2012. West was previously the founding director and is director emeritus of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian.

"The Textile Museum is delighted to have someone of Rick West's stature associated with the museum at this significant moment in our history," says Bruce P. Baganz, President of The Textile Museum Board of Trustees. "Rick's enthusiasm for joining the Textile Museum is a tribute to the strength of our present position and our promising future as the museum affiliates with The George Washington University. Rick's distinguished career accomplishments will help guide The Textile Museum towards its full potential at GW."

As interim director, West will continue the transition to the future site of The Textile Museum. Beginning in 2014, Textile Museum exhibitions and programs will be presented in a new museum on the campus of George Washington (GW) University.

"I am honored to join the staff of the Textile Museum and help lead this institution towards a future with increased opportunities to expand its mission and share its cultural resources with new audiences as it integrates with The George Washington University," West said.

Architectural plans are currently being developed for the museum building at G and 21st Streets, NW that will be joined with the historic Woodhull House, pending renovation. In addition, a 20,000 square foot conservation and resource center will be built on GW's Virginia Science and Technology Campus in Loudoun County, Va., for the study and care of The Textile Museum's and the university's collections. Groundbreaking for both sites is anticipated for the summer of 2012.

West, a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Nation of Oklahoma and a Peace Chief of the Southern Cheyenne, retired at the end of 2007 after 17 years as director of NMAI. West oversaw the creation, completion, and successful opening of the three facilities, which comprise NMAI.

West was a past chair of the board for the American Association of Museums, the nation's only membership organization representing all types of museums and museum professionals. Before directing NMAI, West practiced law in Albuquerque, N.M. and Washington, D.C. Additionally, West brings experience serving on the boards of trustees at numerous philanthropic, educational and cultural organizations, including the Ford Foundation, the Kaiser Family Foundation, Native Arts and Cultures Foundation, and Stanford University.

Over the next year, the Textile Museum anticipates establishing an international search committee with GW for the joint director of The Textile Museum and the George Washington University Museum.

The Textile Museum expands public knowledge and appreciation, locally, nationally, and internationally, of the artistic merit and cultural importance of the world's textiles. Founded in 1925 by George Hewitt Myers, The Textile Museum is an international center for the exhibition, study, collection and preservation of the textile arts. The Textile Museum collection encompasses more than 19,000 objects that date from 3,000 BCE to the present, including some of the world's finest examples of rugs and textiles from the Near East, Central Asia, East and Southeast Asia, Africa, and the indigenous cultures of the Americas. The museum's 20,000 volume Arthur D. Jenkins Library of Textile Arts is among the world's foremost resources for the study of textiles.

Beginning in mid-2014, the Textile Museum will be a primary cornerstone for the forthcoming new museum on the campus of The George Washington University. The Textile Museum is located at 2320 'S' Street, NW in Washington, D.C. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. An $8 suggested admission is requested of non-members.

For more information, please contact Katy Clune at (202) 667-0441, ext. 77, or by e-mail at kclune@textilemuseum.org.

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alarming statistics demonstrate identity theft may be the most frequent, costly and pervasive crime in the United States. The sophistication level of professional identity thieves involved in organized crime continues to grow along with the methods they develop. From individually tailored phishing and phishing scams, to increasingly successful hacks of corporate and government databases, to elaborate networks of botnets designed to hijack millions of computers without any trace, there is an ever-increasing threat to all Americans. At the same time, basic methods of identity theft continue unabated. From stealing wallets and purses, to dumpster diving and stealing mail, to the use of pretext and social engineering to deceive customer call centers into releasing personal account information, the original methods of identity theft still work. As the methods used to perform identity theft expand, so do the types of accounts and services being stolen by identity thieves. Credit, debit, checking and saving accounts are no longer the only targets. Identity fraud has grown to include theft of cell and landline phone service; cable and satellite television service; power, water, gas and electric service; Internet payment service; medical insurance; home mortgages and rental housing; automobile, boat and other forms of financing and loans; and, government benefits. Identity thieves will also use stolen identities to obtain employment, driver's licenses and to deceive police when arrested. Quite simply, every individual or business is vulnerable to attack when it comes to personal or corporate information, products and services.

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Conn. tribe ends payments to members

By Michael Melia, Associated Press

Tribal payments are coming to an end for Mashantucket Pequot tribal members who once received a monthly share of casino revenue, a person familiar with tribal actions said Friday.

The tribe, which runs the Foxwoods Resort Casino, halted a per-capita distribution of gambling revenue in 2010 amid financial struggles, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity over the details of the assistance. The person said transitional payments then started at the reduced amount of $1,500 per month to help members adjust, but they gradually were decreased to $500 with the last payment coming Friday.

A spokesman for the Mashantuckets, Bill Satti, said the tribe does not comment on "personal matters of this nature."

The tribe still provides for members in areas such as education, but the shriveling of the revenue sharing marks the end of one of the premier benefits for the tribe that opened one of the world's largest casinos.

The end of the payments was first reported by The Day of New London.

Foxwoods opened in 1992 and expanded in 2008 with the $700 million MGM Grand, a 30-story property that includes a casino, hotel and a 4,000-seat performing arts theater. But the casino and its neighbor, the Mohegan Sun, have been struggling with weak consumer demand since the economic downturn and growing competition in the Northeast. Foxwoods is in talks to resolve hundreds of millions of dollars in debt.

For several years now, tribal officials have been preparing members for the cutbacks.

In 2009, the then-chairman of the Mashantuckets, Michael J. Thomas, warned in a letter to tribal members that financial difficulties threatened their living standards.

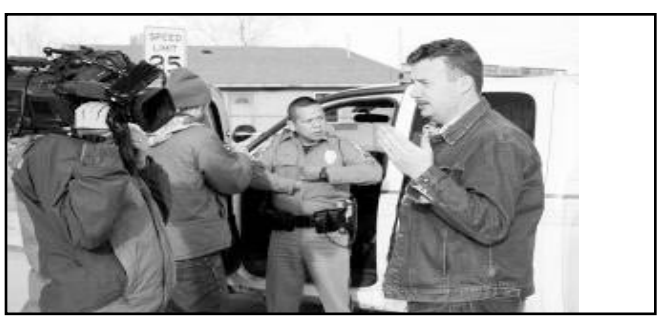
"These are dire financial times for our tribe," Thomas wrote in the letter. "The situation is serious and threatens our tribe."

The Transitional Income Supplemental Payments, which began in January 2011, were paid out to adult tribal members the first Friday of each month, according to the person familiar with tribal actions, who said the payments were far higher than $1,500 a month before the economy soured.

For months, the person said, tribal members have been urged to pursue financial counseling offered through the tribal council chairman's office in correspondence that also included names and numbers of state social service agencies and food pantries. The person said the tribe also created its own assistance program called "Beans and Jeans," a place where families in need can obtain donated food and clothing.

A spokesman for the Connecticut Department of Social Services, David Dearborn, said the office serving southeast Connecticut has not seen any inordinate increase in applications.

New TV show featuring Navajo police to air



FARMINGTON, N.M. (AP) _ A new television show that follows Navajo Nation police officers as they patrol the reservation's 17 million-plus acres is set to hit the airwaves.

``Navajo Cops'' premieres Monday evening on the National Geographic Channel and features some of the tribal department's 330 men and women on patrol.

The show follows officers as they provide services and respond to calls across the sprawling reservation. About 180,000 residents live on the nation's largest Indian reservation, which extends across parts of New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. The officers have to balance modern law enforcement with ancient customs.

``I think one of the most eye-opening things for us was that, if you live in a big city, you're used to police officers having partners, working in pairs,'' show producer and director Sam Dolan told the Farmington Daily Times, "On Navajo, they're out there by themselves. There could be 50 miles in between officers. They make huge sacrifices, and it's a very dangerous job.''

The show is a joint effort between the Navajo Division of Public Safety and Flight 33 Productions.

The days are relentless, Dolan said. The Navajo police force, chronically understaffed and overworked, faces giant obstacles in terms of geography and manpower.

After a pilot episode aired in May, Flight 33 Productions got the green light to produce six more episodes. Crews filmed officers at work in some of the bigger communities on the reservation, including Shiprock and Crownpoint in New Mexico, and Window Rock, Kayenta, Chinle and Tuba City, Ariz., Dolan said. Filming took place during the summer and early autumn.

``We went pretty much everywhere on the Navajo Nation,'' he said. ``We did work in most of the police districts.''

The film crew rode with about 30 officers, Dolan said, but the show focuses on half a dozen men and women. Those officers allowed cameras into their personal lives, as well.

Although the episodes follow police action on the reservation, including murder, suicide, rape, domestic violence, drugs, gangs and prostitution, Dolan hopes the personal stories also touch viewers.

``These officers go to work every day to preserve their traditions, their cultures,'' he said. ``They know the people they are policing, they know who they are interacting with. Even though the reservation is very busy for a cop, it has a small-town feel.''

The Navajo Film Office wanted to educate the public about the tribal officers' work, said Lorie Lee, former media production specialist for the film office. Lee worked with the filming crew during the two years it was scouting for locations and producing the show.

``The main emphasis was that they wanted to shadow and have the officers be documented and have their (stories) told,'' Lee said of the production company. ``The officers wanted to know that their stories would be handled from their point of view.''

The film office also wanted the production to show some of the law enforcement issues on the reservation, Lee said.

``This is an insight into Native American country, the terrain, the culture, the language,'' she said of the show. ``This is the positive and negative aspects and the social ills that everyone knows exist, but that they are not quite able to understand until they see it.''

Navajo officers deal with unique challenges, such as lack of street signs, inconsistent backup and areas where their radios don't have signals, Lee said. Another interesting part of the Navajo force is that more women than men work as officers, she said.

Native Business: Financial tips to bring to Tribal Council

By Jim Stanley
Tribal Tribune Correspondent

When financials are provided for general body review, do not let the accounting terms and information formatting scare you. Here are a few tips to make it simple to understand a profit and loss statement, also called an income statement, reported by the government or on tribally owned businesses.

Four ways money can enter a tribal government or business:

Federal funding or cash sales;

Proceeds from a loan (debt);

New investor or current owner (equity);

Accounts receivable collections.

Four ways money can leave a tribal government or business:

Purchase assets such as land, equipment, or inventory;

Payroll and expenses incurred from being in business;

Make loan payments;

Distribute earnings to the owners.

As you have the opportunity to review your tribe's income statement, just know the purpose of financials are to explain how money travels into, is utilized within, and moves out of your tribal system. Reports will differ in small ways from one tribe to the next but practically all follow the same general guidelines.

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Stroke: Remember the first three letters S. T. R.

During a BBQ, a woman stumbled and took a little fall, she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) but she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Jane went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Jane's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital and at 6 p.m. Jane passed away. She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Jane would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this. A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within three hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized; diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within three hours, which is tough.

Read and Learn: Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions: S-Ask the individual to smile. T-Ask the person to talk and speak a simple coherently (I.e. It is sunny out today.) R-Ask him or her to raise both arms. If he or she has trouble with any one of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.

Hinono'ei Community Gathering

The Arapaho community is invited to come together on Sunday, March 18, 2011, 1:00 p.m. at the Native American Center in Canton, Oklahoma. All chiefs, headsmen and surrounding community tribal members are invited. A meal will be served, please bring a covered dish.

SUMMER 2012 HIGHER ED DEADLINE

April 1, 2012 is the deadline for submission of Higher Ed scholarship applications for students who must attend summer school to complete degree requirements. Due to budget limitations, only students who will graduate at the end of summer 2012, will be funded. E-mail wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org for more information.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority Notice to Current Homebuyers

The following homebuyers need to complete an annual recertification packet with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority by April 15, 2012. If one is not completed by this date, the homebuyer is considered to be non-compliant with Federal Regulations.

We must let you know that the eviction process will take effect for all non-compliant homebuyers. Please make arrangements to complete a Recertification Packet as soon as possible. Recertification Packets may be picked up at the Clinton Housing Authority or at the Concho Satellite Housing office located in the Tribal complex.

You may submit the packet to: Cheyenne & Arapaho Housing Authority, P.O. Box 1357, Clinton, OK 73601. For more information call (580) 331-2400 or (405) 422-7574.

Addison, Zella M.
Altizer, Gary W.
Anquoe, Margaret C.
Armendariz, Rosemary
Awaida, Linda J.
Barnes, Jackie C.
Bear, Theresa
Bearbow, Lucinda
Bell, Patty
Big Horse, Morrow E.
Big Medicine, Eva A.
Bigfoot, Karen M.
Billy, Mary L.
Birdshead, Christina J.
Black, James
Black, Jewel C.
Black, Mildred K.
Black, Victoria L.
Blackbear Jr., Eugene
Blackbear, Imogene E.
Blackbear, Paul
Blackbear, Wilma J.
Blackowl, Bridget D.
Blackowl, Sidonia
Blackwolf, Betty L.
Blind, Angela
Blood, Wanda
Blue, Geneva
Botone, Jessie
Brian, Ercel L.
Burns, Elrond N.
Bushyhead, Charles D.
Bushyhead, Clara
Byrd, Brenda
Campbell, Debra
Candy, Robert R.
Cassio, Diana
Chalepah, Raymond
Clayton, Charles
Clayton, Rona
Coleman, Pamela
Cometsevah, Anita S.
Cometsevah, Diane
Cometsevah, Jane
Cometsevah, Robert
Curtis, April
Curtis, Jennie
Cutnose, Karen J.
Davis, Deanna R.
Davis, Leah M.
Dorsett, Deanna K.
Elledge, Kelli R.
Ellis, Linda K.
Fire, Julie A.
Fletcher, Alan G.
Fletcher, Teresa A.
Flying Coyote, Clara
Flying Coyote, Marsha E.
Franklin, Dara
Franklin, Ethel
Franklin, Vera E.
Fraser, Jerry W.
Fulsom, Velva J.
Galaviz, Wanda
Gallegos, Samarrah K.
Goodblanket, Adrian C.
Goodblanket, Wilbur D.
Goodman, Pollie
Gray, II, Cecil R.
Gray, Rayford
Green, Jennifer L.
Gutierrez, Michelle L.
Hall, Rosa L.
Hamilton, Barry E.
Hamilton, Dale
Hamilton, Francis
Hamilton, Helen G.
Harrington, Charlene R.
Hart, Eugene
Harvie, Jonathan
Hawk Sr., David B.
Hawk, Bruce L.
Hawk, Diane
Hawk, Moses H.
Heap of Birds, Freda
Hicks, Regina C.
Hill, Barbara
Holliman, Michael A.
Holsapple, Susan F.
Howlingwolf, Margaret M.
Hulett, Sue E.
James, Crisella L.
Jenkins, Margaret
Kauley, Kenneth
Lamebull, Bertha J.
Lamebull, Michael G.
Layne, LuAnn
Lime (Sutton), Charlene
Lime, Frankie
Little Elk Sr., William J
Little Elk, Gregory D.
Little Hawk, Agnes J.
Little Raven, Ben
Little Thunder Sr., Linde
Lobaugh, Rose M.
Lonebear, Mary L.
Lonebear, Rosina
Loneman, Leona A.
Lopez, Merle
Lumpmouth, Charlotte
Madbull, Jessie
Magpie, Erma J.
Marquez, Debra
Mccallister, Deedra K.
Meat, Maria R.
Medicinebear, Brian L.
Mendoza, Charlene L.
Miles, Melvin
Milligan, Vincent L.
Monetathchi, Harvey K.
Moore, Lisa A.
Moore, Tonya J.
Morales-Perez Jr., Jesus
Morris, Tracie L.
Morton, Christine
Mosqueda, Eleanor J.
Mosqueda, Fred
Natseway, Elizabeth M.
Nez, Cora
Nolasquez, Roselyn
Orange, Gordon
Orange, Sarah J.
Orange, Victor R.
Osage, Michael W.
Pawnee, Albert C.
Pawnee, Reda
Pedro, Angeline P.
Pedro, Johannah D.
Pedro, Louella
Pedro, Reata
Penn, Beulah
Pennington, Charlette
Poisal, Eldred
Pratt, Alicia R.
Ramirez, Jerrie L.
Ramos, Patricia
Red Hat, Jasper,Jr.
Redbird, Wilma J.
Reynolds, Angie M.
Reynolds, Barbara A.
Reynolds, Donna
Rhoads, Isaac P.
Richard, Steven L.
Riggs, Keith (francis)
Rios, Tammy S.
Rishel, George
Rishel, Ruby
Rivers, Esther
Roby, Louise
Rodriguez, Consuelo M.
Roman Nose Sr., Quinton M
Roman Nose, Robert W.
Rsheidat, Lisa M.
Ruberstell, Lacey
Ruiz Jr., Eduardo S.
Ruiz, Justin A.
Rush, Donna J.
Russell, Matthew A.
Sage, Anna
Salehi, Janice
Sam, Mia(Marisa) M.
Sankey, Angeline
Sevenstar, Rueben W.
Sharp, Euline L.
Sleeper Sr., Angelo
Sleeper Sr., Charles R.
Smith, Carolyn L.
Snodgrass, Mary
Snyder, Lucy
Spotted Bird, Ella N.
Spottedcorn, Denise
Starr, James A.
Starr, Moses
Starr, Norene
Stone, Fred
Sutton, Pamela K.
Sweezy, Carol E.
Tahdooahnippah, Esther
Tallbear Sr., Deforest E.
Tallbird, Geneva E.
Thompson, Shenandoah
Thunderbull, Doris D.
Thunderbull, Jean
Thunderbull, Marvin R.
Tiger, Jane K.
Tiger, Sophia A.
Todd, Lucille T.
Twins, Lucian M.
Walker, Gregory K.
Wandrie, Leslie V.
Warledo, Geraldine A.
Washa Sr., Jasper H.
Washee, Stacia R.
Washington, Darlene
Wassana Sr., Truman C.
Watan, Max Jr
Weaselbear, Linda
Wells, Geraldine
White Eagle, George Sr D.
Whitebird Sr., Malcom J.
Whitebird, Melvin K.
Whitebuffalo, Cynthia
Whitecloud, Michael K.
Whiteshield, Wannie J.
Whiteskunk, Carol
Whiteskunk, Hallie I.
Wiley, Deanna S.
Williams, Beljean
Williams, Francine L.
Williams, Gail
Williams, Kimberly J.
Wilson, Francine
Wolfmule, Susie J.
Woolworth, Pam
Wright, Susan
Yeahquo, Karen R.
Yelloweyes, Lee
Yellowman, Gordon Sr
Yellowman, Jane S.
Youngbear, Monica R.
Youngbear, Rena
Youngbear, Terrill R.

Holland & Knight announce 2012 Native American essay contest

The Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation is proud to welcome entries for the Young Native Writers Essay Contest in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian.

This essay contest for Native American high school students is designed to encourage young Native Americans to think about the most important issues affecting their tribal communities, as well as ways in which challenges can be addressed. Hundreds of Native American high school students participate each year.

While all participants receive a Certificate of Honor for submitting their essays and adding their voices to this important dialogue in Indian Country, the five first-place winners are awarded an all-expenses paid *Scholar Week* trip to Washington, D.C., accompanied by a teacher or mentor nominated by each winner, to visit the National Museum of the American Indian and other prominent Washington, D.C. sites. Each winner also receives a $2,500 college scholarship.

Please help us spread the word about this year's contest by sharing this information with groups and individuals who might be interested in submitting an essay. The deadline for submission is April 30, 2012. We look forward to reading this year's essays. For more details please visit www. nativewriters.hklaw.com.

LABOR DAY POW-WOW
BENEFIT DANCE
Sunday, March 18, 2012
Concho Community Building
Everyone Welcome
HEAD STAFF
Master of Ceremony Bobby Sankey
Head Singers Watan Brother
Headman Jerry Roman Nose
Headlady Sonja Hoffman
Head Little Girl Audrina Trout & Aliyah Starr
Head Little Boy Alex Ocha
Honored Elder Lavern Lime
Arena Director TBA
Gourd Dance starts 2 pm
Supper 5 pm
Inter-tribal 7 pm
WOMENS CLOTH CONTEST - WINNER TAKE ALL
Raffles, Cake Walk
Fund raiser for the Annual Homecoming Labor Day Pow-wow
For Information Contact
Labor Day Pow-wow Committee:
Virgil Franklin, Jr., (405) 448-2327
Louella Oldbear, (405) 426-2278
Diane Willis, (580) 791-2859
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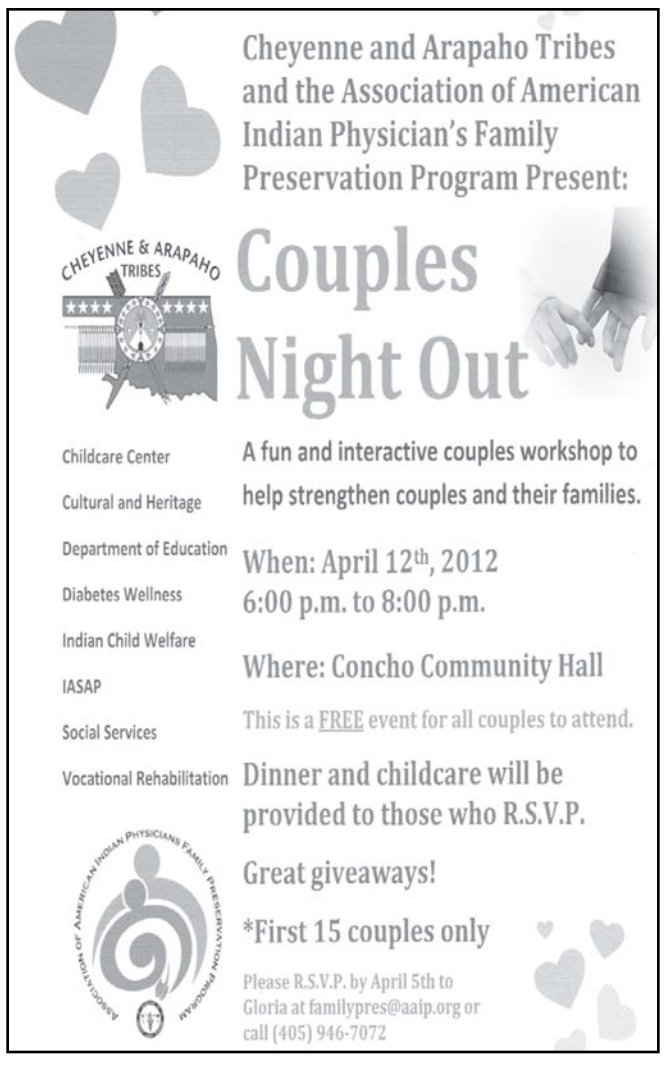
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and the Association of American Indian Physician's Family Preservation Program Present:
Couples Night Out
CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES
Childcare Center
Cultural and Heritage
Department of Education
Diabetes Wellness
Indian Child Welfare
IASAP
Social Services
Vocational Rehabilitation
A fun and interactive couples workshop to help strengthen couples and their families.
When: April 12th, 2012
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Where: Concho Community Hall
This is a FREE event for all couples to attend.
Dinner and childcare will be provided to those who R.S.V.P.
Great giveaways!
*First 15 couples only
Please R.S.V.P. by April 5th to Gloria at familypres@aaip.org or call (405) 946-7072

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Honor Dance for Arapaho Chief Eric Sandoval

Saturday, 2 p.m., March 17, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Everyone is invited. For more information contact Donna Sandoval at (405) 388-4826.

The 2012 Oklahoma City Princess Honor Dance

March 17, 2012 at the Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center, 1700 W. Independence in Shawnee, Okla. For more information contact Shirley Wapskineh at (405) 632-5227 or by email at swapskineh@sbcglobal.net.

Labor Day powwow Benefit Dance

March 18, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. and Inter-Tribal dancing at 7 p.m. For more information call Louella Oldbear at (405) 426-2278, Virgil Franklin, Jr. at (405) 448-2327 or Diane Willis at (580) 791-2859.

Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow Committee March Benefit Dance

March 18, 2012 at the Darlington School gym in El Reno, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m., Gourd dance to follow. For more information contact Christine Morton at (405) 422-7545.

James LaFountain's 18th Birthday Dance

Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 11 a.m., meal at 12 p.m. and Inter-Tribal dancing and exhibition at 1 p.m. No giveaways. For more information call (405) 422-7539.

Post 401 American Legion/Ladies Auxillary meeting

6 p.m., March 22, 2012 in the student center at Redlands Community College in El Reno, Okla. Meal is $7.50. All veterans are encouraged to attend and join. We welcome all tribal membes, families and friends to come meet with us.

Memorial Walk for Rosalin Renee

12 p.m., March 23, 2012 at the Watonga Elementary School in Watonga, Okla. Special guest speakers will be Larry Harrison and family. A Healing Service is planned for 7 p.m. on March 23-24, 2012 at the Elk City Indian Baptist Church, 916 W. 7th Street in Elk City, Okla. For more information contact Bunny or Erma at (580) 339-0916.

Miss Indian Oklahoma City Competition and Performance

6:30 p.m., March 23, 2012 at 3801 S.E. 29th Street in Del City, Okla. For more information contact Shirley Wapskineh at (405) 632-5227 or by email at swapskineh@sbcglobal.net.

Denver March powwow

March 23-25, 2012 at the Denver Coliseum in Denver, Colo. For more information visit www.denvermarchpowwow.org.

Confined Inter-Tribal Group Benefit Dance

March 24, 2012 at the Oklahoma Street Gym in Anadarko, Okla. Dance begins at 2 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. For more information contact Charisse Redbone at (405) 638-1709.

Birthday/Graduation Dance for Shelsie Mae White Thunder (DiggingBear)

March 31, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. $500 winner take all. For more information contact Sheldon, Shelby or Tommy White Thunder at (405) 598-1596 or (405) 598-0378.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and the Association of American Physician's Family Preservation program presents Couples Night Out

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. April 12, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. This is a free event for all couples to attend. Dinner and childcare will be provided to those who R.S.V.P. by April 5, 2012. Contact Gloria at familypres@aaip.org to R.S.V.P.

Health Bites Cook Classes

April 17, 2012 from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. in the large conference room at the Clinton Indian Health Center and April 20, 2012 from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. at the Cheyenne and Arapao tribes' Native American Church building. Learn about healthy breakfast ides at the FREE class. For more information contact Kristie Purdy at (580) 331-3458.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Career Fair

10 a.m. - 3 p.m., April 18, 2012 at the Western Technology Center in Weatherford, Okla. Hosted by the Vocational Rehabililtation program and the Workforce Investment Act program. For more information call (580) 774-0224, ext. 224.

Arapaho Sun Dance sponsor Gabriel Warren benefit dance

May 5, 2012 at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. Sponsored by Dale and Bobbi Hamilton family. For more information call (405) 371-4045.

CALLING ALL
7th - 12th Grade C&A STUDENTS
SAVE THE DATE
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
2012 Youth Empowerment Conference
June 18-21, 2012
SWOSU
Weatherford, OK
Applications will be available May 7, 2012
DREAM * BELIEVE* ACHIEVE

Surviving two sons deaths after suicide

By Ahinawake Nibbs

Jordan Wilson passed away on May 24, 2010.

One small town of Geary, Okla. is one of many towns that have known their share of suicide tragedies of friends and family members. Suicide touched the community in Geary, not once, but two times to one family. Adrian Murrow Wilson, 27, committed suicide on May 14 2002 and his brother, Jordan Benjamin Wilson, 19, committed suicide on May 24, 2010. Adrian and Jordan suffered with depression.

Depression is not a much talked about subject within our Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes in Oklahoma. The unwelcome disease of depression can overcome a person as young as 8 years of age and on up in the ages. A person who has depression may usually have the blues or have a tendency to be over whelmed with the stress of everyday life. A depressed person may not want to get out of bed and would rather stay in bed, sometimes not want to eat at all or a person may begin crying without cause. However, depression can be conquered, but only by speaking with a psychiatrist and with certain prescribed medications.

Depression issues within the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes sometimes are overshadowed by alcoholism, another disease that runs rampant in Indian country and with drug addiction. Taking drugs and drinking alcohol to help deaden the feelings of hopelessness in people's lives may very well be related to the disease of depression. There are some young people that have taken their lives by suicide and it could possibly be because of depression.Adrian and Jordan were the sons of Dennis and Esther Noline and the grandsons of Jay and Joan Swallow. They had one sister, Denise, who said she has to be strong for the young nieces and nephews, but also deals with her own grief about her brothers' suicides. The boys' father, Dennis still continues to suffer from the loss of his two sons.

"I could never understand the sickness of depression until Adrian committed suicide in 2002 and then Jordan in 2010," Esther said.

Esther said the grieving for Adrian will never cease in her heart and the second suicide with Jordan was just as unbearable.

"After Adrian's death I had his room painted and Jordan wanted to move into Adrian's room, he often told me not to change the room, he wanted it to stay the same," Esther said. "Today I want to help others in the Geary community and the people that are grieving for my two boys. Especially, I want to do something for Jordan's friends and their young families."

Esther said after the shock of the first suicide, in which Adrian took his life, the family's lives went on slowly, very slowly, and after some time the hurt and the pain became easier to deal with then eight years later Jordan committed suicide and all the feelings were there again.

"This time the hurt and anguish goes on but harder and longer. However, after things settled down, our relatives had our first get together with family and friends," Esther said. "In the summer of 2010 we had our youth over to my house and we had a cook out, and volleyball tournament. I believe this meeting was the beginning of my healing process. The students and their children that attended our volleyball cookout are now our family; most of them were a lot of Jordan's friends. Little did they know they were helping me to heal my broken heart, I owe them a lot for being with me. I will always love them and be there for them."

Esther, now divorced, was born and raised in Geary, Okla. Her father Valentine Noline and her mother Theodoshia Birdshead Noline, were ministers of Jesus Christ. Their parents were faithful Christians and strongly believed in the Holy Spirit for all their needs. There was no alcohol or drugs, nor did they smoke tobacco in the home. Esther's parents taught all their children to pray and the children always heard their parents praying many times during the day and night. The Noline family and the Swallow family had a strong faith in God and that faith was instilled in Esther.

Esther's relatives and friends of Jordan, becaue of their grief of Esther's sons, Jordan and Adrian, wanted to continue to bond together with one another. They had a second gathering and they brought the youth together in unity in Geary.

"So many people helped me during that time … the pastor of the Restoration Church, other volunteers of the church, Troy Little Raven, Rory Little Raven and family, my aunt, Ruby Sleeper and her family and I am sure there were others that helped … there is always that kind-hearted person that is not acknowledged, but God knows who helped and they will be rewarded with our Heavenly Father," Esther said.

Esther said the pastor knew that the anniversary of Adrian's death and Jordan's deaths were painful for the family and so he spoke with her and said she should begin a ministry in Geary in honor of Jordan and Adrian and to make people more aware of depression and suicide.

This ministry resulted in a third gathering of Jordan's friends and family held during the summer months where they all worked together to raise funds for an Indian taco supper for the entire community of Geary, still mainly focusing on the youth. Later, when school started, everyone would attend the Geary football games and after the football games the youth and their families would gather at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Community building in Geary to have supper.

This ministry was the beginning of Esther's relatives and friends healing process, all in the memory of Adrian and Jordan and how the youth of Geary became united and will continue this summer.

"The hurt is still there and always will be. However, the fellowship of friends and family has gotten to mend the hollow places at the table. Jordan would not want me crying, he wants me to live my life the best I can. Now I want to help the young people and the elders," Esther said. "Somehow we know both boys are here with us in spirit and we are happy to remember them. So many have helped during this healing process, Jay and Joan Swallow continue to uplift our family in prayers and my aunt Ruby Sleeper continues to walk by my side … I will always be grateful to have a Christian aunt like Ruby Sleeper."

For help to prevent suicide, contact the George Hawkins Treatment Center at (580) 331-2370.

Adrian Wilson passed away on May 14, 2002.

Tribes make push for Violence Against Women Act

By Suzanne Gamboa, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) _ American Indian leaders say they want support from two more Republican senators for the Violence Against Women Act and they are making a big push this week to muster support for the bill, which includes measures to specifically help American Indian and Alaska Native victims.

As of Tuesday, the legislation has 58 supporters in the Senate, including its sponsor Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. Although that means a majority of senators support the act, it lacks the 60 votes needed to end a filibuster should one be launched if the bill reaches the Senate floor.

Tribal leaders' search for additional supporters comes as heightened debate over insurance coverage for contraceptives has led Democrats try to make women's rights an election-year issue. It was unknown whether that debate would provide momentum for the legislation considered by many to be a landmark law in protecting women.

``I hope so,'' said John Dossett, attorney for the National Congress of American Indians. ``Once we get the 60 votes it will be clear to the (Senate) majority leader (Harry Reid, D-Nev.) that he has the votes to move it to the floor.''

At a legislative summit of the National Congress of American Indians Tuesday, tribal leaders were given a list of senators, all Republicans, who represent states with reservations and tribal communities. The tribal leaders were told to press those senators to support the bill during meetings this week.

One of the provisions in the act would allow tribes to prosecute offenders who are not American Indian or Alaska Native when their victims are and the violence happens on a reservation.

The House has not taken action on any similar or companion legislation.

The act, first approved in 1994, expired last September. Although the act has been reauthorized several times, this year's update ran into some Republican opposition in committee. A few senators criticized provisions regarding visas for immigrant victims of violence, language specifying services for gay and transgender victims.

The measures also would give tribes authority to prosecute non-Indians who commit violence against American Indian women, which raises concern among some opponents about giving tribal courts increased power over defendants who are not tribal members. In 1978, the Supreme Court ruled that tribes do not have authority over people who are not American Indian, even when the crime happens on a reservation and involves a member of a tribe.

``They ruined that bill as far as I'm concerned,'' Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said Tuesday. ``They added things I can't support.''

American Indian and Alaska Native women are 2.5 times more likely than other U.S. women to be battered or raped, according to the National Congress of American Indians. Many are domestic violence victims whose abusers and assailants are not Native American.

Dossett said that has prevented tribal officials from prosecuting abusers to help prevent repeat violence. Often the crimes are not serious enough for the federal government to step in. Violence often must escalate before a perpetrator is prosecuted.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said she's aware of the concerns raised by her fellow GOP colleagues about tribal jurisdiction over non-Indians. ``I'm hopeful this does not derail this legislation. This is too important for us,'' she said.

Other senators on the tribal leaders' list interviewed outside Senate chambers Tuesday did not immediately know where they stood on the legislation.

Other issues raised at the summit included ongoing negotiations over the transportation bill, now on the floor in the Senate.

Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians, urged summit attendees to remain united in a goal to get increased spending on transportation, important for construction of roads on reservations and in tribal communities.

``In an environment of tight federal budgets some people expect us to become divided rather than maintain unity,'' Keel said.

Tribal officials also got a chance to bid farewell to Tom Perrelli, associate U.S. Attorney General. Perrelli leaves the Department of Justice Friday. He is credited with working to improve public safety on tribal reservations.

Perrelli said he's not leaving the department because he is tired of the work, but because his wife just had twins and they now have four boys under 6. He said he would continue to fight to end sexual assault and violence.

Head start

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and received $800,000. At the same time we were working with Melvin Roman Nose who applied for a Housing Urban Development (HUD) grant and he also obtained an $800,000 grant," Berg said. "As of right now our children are being taught out of a very old historical building and beside it is a modular building that skunks have been able to get in and out of underneath, have made nests in the past and there have been some days when we have had to call off school because it smelled so bad. Our air conditioning unit was stolen at one time and it is just in a very rural and secluded area … our children have been in need of this new building for a very long time. I am just so proud for them, they will have a place to learn and play that they can be proud of as well."

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Melvin Roman Nose, Cheyenne and Arapaho Energy Conservation Coordinator (l) awaits the ground breaking with Anthony Dobbs, Maska Builders, LLC.

The Canton Mayor, Melina Foster, said the impact of the new center being built would be a positive, great opportunity for the city of Canton.

"The statistics of children who attend pre-K or head start before beginning elementary school show they have a better chance to get into college," Foster said. "My children attend the tribes' head start and there are some children on the waiting list, so the capability of being able to accept more children at the head start will be a huge relief for parents."

For more information about the progress of the new head start building contact Roman Nose at (405) 422-7404.

For more information about head start enrollment contact Berg at (405) 422-7636.

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Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Candace Pierson, Darlington eighth grader, has some fun with the Redland's Cougar mascot.

don't know … I was one of those kids," Strain said. "Neither one of my parents went to college and I didn't have a clue about what I wanted to do or how to go about getting into college. For me it was that I wanted to get out of the small town I had lived in my whole life and see what was out in the world … for myself, that was my biggest motivator."

Strain said they have begun to reinvent business classes, implemented tutoring and state of the art classrooms.

"Our business program should be one of the largest programs on campus, but we aren't," Strain said. "We currently have eight Native American students in our business AA degree program, but we can accommodate 98 students."

Strain and her staff, Brennan Apostolo, student development specialist and Anne DeClouette, NASNTI Business Institute instructor are currently planning an All Nation's Summer Symposium where students interested in their business program will attend a week-long stay at RCC.

"It will be a type of orientation, but the students will live in our Cougar Crossing apartments and will experience life on campus first hand. We will teach them about financial aid, what the registrar does, what an academic plan is, have note taking classes, team building skill classes and basically they will learn about going to college to further their education," Strain said. "The students will need to be high school graduates and have an interest in attending Redlands and a business degree interest also."

Darlington eighth grade student, Candace Pierson attended the campus tour/field day at Redlands hosted by ANBI.

"This has been so much fun and I learned more things about Redlands I didn't know before. I really enjoyed the nursing school tour and I learned about the dorms … I can imagine myself coming here," Pierson said.

Another student, Levi Taylor, from Vernon High School had this to say about his visit to RCC.

"In today's world, I knew choosing a major in business would pay off. That decision was only magnified when I arrived on the campus at Redlands. The staff of ANBI welcomed me with opened arms and I knew they truly wanted me to thrive. From the get-go, they have helped me every step of the way with my academics and beyond. The one-on-one attention I receive here at Redlands is honestly something I won't find anywhere else."

Other schools in Oklahoma to receive the NASNTI grant were East Central University, Murray State College, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Northeastern State University, Seminole State College and Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

For more information about Redlands and the ANBI program, contact Strain at (405) 422-1264 or Apostolo at (405) 422-1482 or visit www.redlandscc.edu.

EATING well for DIABETES

By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

MARCH IS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

Get Your Plate in Shape

When eating think about what you put on your plate when you eat, "mindful eating". Portions count and are important. Over the day, include the following tips to "Get Your Plate in Shape."

Cut back on sodium and empty calories from solid fats and added sugars.

Drink water instead of sugary drinks. Select fruit for dessert and eat sugary desserts less often. Remember; choose 100 percent fruit juice substitute one serving of fruit a day.

Look out for salt (sodium) in your foods you buy. Read food labels, choose those with lower numbers. Add spices and herbs to season food without adding salt.

The major sources of saturated fats are desserts, pizza, cheese, sausages and hot dogs. Choose lower fat or skim milk cheeses, turkey sausage and hotdogs and treat these foods as occasional foods, not everyday foods.

Select lean cuts of meat or poultry and fat free or low-fat milk, yogurt.

Switch from solid fats to oils when preparing food.

Enjoy your food but eat less.

Get you personal daily calorie limit with the help of the tribal registered dietitian, also my plate.gov is an online resource.

Avoid oversized portions and use a smaller plate, bowl and glass.

Cook at home more. When eating out choose the lower calorie menu option or choose from the children's menu. Chose dishes include vegetables, fruits and whole grains.

Use a food journal to keep track of how much you eat.

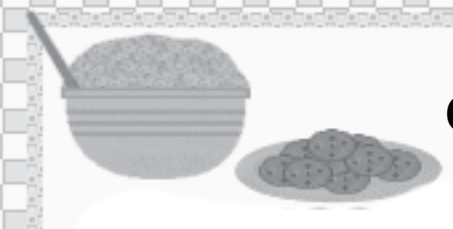
If you drink alcohol, do so in moderation. Limit to one drink a day for women and two drinks a day for men.

Be physically active. Pick an activity that you like to do, start out slow, ten minutes at a time. Gradually work your way up to 30 minutes a day. Children and teens should get 60 minutes or more a day and limit TV and video games to two hours a day. Adults should get two hours and 30 minutes or more a week of activity that requires moderate effort such as brisk walking.

Source: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Note: March is also National Kidney month and in honor of World Kidney Day the National Kidney Foundation is calling on all Americans to protect their kidneys and prevent damage by educating themselves about Chronic Kidney Disease and the productive ways they can reduce their risks of kidney failure. Diabetes and Hypertension affects your kidneys; that is why it is important to get your diabetes and hypertension under control. Do you know your numbers? A1C should be below 7 and Blood Pressure 130/80 or below.

Contact the Diabetes and Wellness Program at (405) 422-7685, for more information and help in improving your health.



Lemon-Basil Shrimp Salad
Cooking with USDA Foods

Recipes furnished by the
Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program

13 pounds unpeeled, cooked large shrimp
1 large red onion, sliced
1 red bell pepper, sliced
1 yellow bell pepper, sliced
Lemon-Basil Marinade
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
16 cups salad greens
8 Parmesan Baskets (optional)
Fresh Lemon Vinaigrette

Preparation

Peel shrimp, and devein, if desired. Place shrimp and next 4 ingredients in a large zip-top plastic freezer bag. Seal and chill 8 hours or up to 24 hours, turning bag occasionally. Stir in basil 1 hour before serving. Drain and discard marinade just before serving.

Divide greens evenly between Parmesan Baskets or serving bowls; arrange drained shrimp mixture evenly over lettuce. Serve with Fresh Lemon Vinaigrette.

Healthy Breakfast Ideas

Healthy Bites Cooking Class

Do you struggle finding healthy breakfast ideas? Are there any healthy breakfast cereals? Find out this information and more at the Healthy Bites Cooking Class. This **FREE** class promotes healthy eating habits and cooking techniques. We will give nutrition and wellness information as we have fun preparing a meal.

Tuesday, April 17th
Noon-1:00 p.m.
Clinton Indian Health Center-
Large Conference Room

And

Friday, April 20th
Noon — 1:00 p.m.
Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes
NAC Center — Concho

For Questions, please contact:
Kristie Purdy (580)331-3458

BRIEFS

Indian Country's Indirect Cost Summit

March 27-28, 2012 in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 15th annual Tribal Environmental Summit

March 28-30, 2012 at the Doubletree Downtown Hotel in Tulsa, Okla. For more information or to register visit www.itecmembers.org.

The second annual Oklahoma Native American Economic Development Conference

March 29-30, 2012 at the Renaissance Convention Center in Oklahoma City. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Payroll Tax Management for Tribal Organizations

March 29-30, 2012 at the Platinum Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The Expanding Role of the Tribal Security Force

March 29-30, 2012 at the Platinum Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 2012 Indian Gaming Tradeshow and Convention

April 1-4, 2012 at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, Calif. For more information visit www.indiangaming.org.

Advanced Grant Writing for Tribal Organizations

April 5-6, 2012 at the Konocti Vista Casino and Resort in Lakeport, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 2012 National Forum on Dropout Prevention for Native and Tribal Communities

April 15-18, 2012 at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information visit www.dropoutprevention.org.

The third annual Native American Health Care Conference

April 16-17, 2012 at the Cosmopolitan in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The 33rd annual National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference

April 22-27, 2012 at the Paragon Casino Resort in Marsville, LA. For more information visit www. ninaetc.net.

The 13th annual Native Secretaries and Administrative Assistants Conference

April 24-26, 2012 at the Sandia Casino and Resort in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information visit www.dciamerica.com.

Amending Tribal Constitutions

April 26-27, 2012 in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.dciamerica.com.

Oklahoma Indian Nation princess candidates

Candidate for Lil Miss OIN Princess, DoreneAllyn His-Sa-Yo-Dau WhiteHorse.

Whitehorse is 2 years old. She is the daughter of KayLa WhiteHorse. The granddaughter of Chereesa Watan, Guy Hicks III and also Merlyn WhiteHorse.

Her great-grandparents are Max and Doreen Watan, whom she is also named after and the late Harry and Mary WhiteHorse. She has one younger brother BrylonLee WhiteHorse. Her middle name comes from her great-grandma Phyllis Big Lefthand, which means Medicine Woman. She enjoys singing and dancing at powwows, playing hand games and also being a big sister. She has many aunts, uncles, grandmas, grandpas, and cousins. Her godmother is Tu Sheena Watan who is also her auntie.

She is enrolled in the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe, but is also Muskogee Creek.

Candidate for Lil Miss OIN Princess is Illianna Breez Pollock.

She is the daughter of Georgia and Basil Pollock.

Her grandparents are Gail Williams of El Reno, Okla. Eugene Pollock of El Reno, Okla. Phillip and Norma Black of Geary, Okla., Fanneta White and Roger Rice of Pawhuska, Okla.

She is 3 years old. She is a member of the El Reno Indian Methodist Church.

Her Indian name, Woman of Many Roads, was given to her by her great grandmother, the late Joann Williams-Black.

This will be her first year dancing and it would be an honor for her to represent the Oklahoma Indian Nations as 2012 Little Miss Princess.

OIN Princess Contest is based on "Penny-A-Vote".

Votes will be counted on April 26, 2012 and the Coronation Dance is set for Saturday, May 26, 2012.

Candidate for Junior Miss OIN Princess is Jaylin Mariah Reveles.

Reveles is the 8 year old daughter of Jamie (Davis) and James Reveles of El Reno, Okla. and is of the Cheyenne-Arapaho and Otoe tribes.

Reveles attends Darlington Elementary School and is in the third grade. She belongs to the Brownie Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma, plays for the Nemesis Softball Team, Ultimate Basketball Team, and Extreme Soccer Team.

Reveles has also held the title of Oklahoma Indian Nation Tiny Tot Princess in 2006-2007.

Reveles' grandparents are Beverly (Morton) and Andrew Brown, Jose and the late Irene Knifechief and Donna Sweezy.

Fundraisers will be held in the near future and the family asks for your support.

Candidate for Junior Miss OIN Princess is Marley Jade Black.

She is the daughter of Georgia and Basil Pollock. Her grandparents are Phillip and Norma Black of Geary, Okla., Fanneta White and Roger Rice of Pawhuska, Okla. and Gail Williams of El Reno, Okla.

She is in the seventh grade and attends school at Riverside Elementary. She enjoys playing basketball and is very talented in arts and crafts.

Black is a member of the El Reno Indian Methodist Church. Her Indian name, Standing Woman was given to her by her great grandmother, the late Joann Williams- Black.

This is her first year running for princess. She would be very honored to represent the Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow Committee as the 2012 Junior Miss Princess.

Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow Committee's March Benefit Dance

Sunday, March 18, 2012
Darlington School
5 p.m. Supper/Gourd Dance to follow

Head Staff:
MC-Alan Fletcher
HS-Warren Anquoe
HMD-Brad Blackcrow
HLD-Winona Youngbird
HLBD-Samuel Morton
HLGD-Julia Long
AD-Kendricks & James Sleeper
Honored Guests: Coach Pierson & the Darlington Girls Basketball Team "2012 ORES State Champs"

OIN 2012 PRINCESS CONTEST NOW OPEN
Senior Miss (14-19 years old)
Junior Miss (7-12 years old)
Little Miss (1-6 years old)
Penny-A-Vote ** Applications Available

OIN Committee: Dara Franklin, Frankie Gilbert, Christine Morton, Fritz PrairieChief and Jessie Botone

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program

Spring Fling 2012

Oklahoma City Zoo
March 17, 2012
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
For grades: K - 6th

Lunch will be provided.
Transportation will NOT be provided.
Parent/Chaperone required.

Must call to register by March 7th.

For more information or to REGISTER, Please call 1.800.247.4612 Ext 27570 or 27585.

The 25th annual Native American Summer Bridge Institute in Lubbock, Texas

The Texas Tech University Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center is preparing for the 25th annual Native American Summer Bridge Institute (NASBI) on June 18-22, 2012, on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock, Texas. The institute is designed to introduce, assist and prepare Native American high school students for higher education. The Institute will serve as an academic bridge to sharpen and expand their knowledge and preparation for college life. Since NASBI began in 2008, there have been 33 students graduating from the two-year program.

NASBI is currently recruiting students from Texas and the southwest to participate in its summer 2012 program. Designed for students entering their high school junior year in fall 2012, the institute seeks to introduce students for their college entrance requirements. These students will be invited to return to Texas Tech for NASBI during summer 2013 before they begin their senior year to enhance their knowledge and skills in a college preparation program.

There are no fees to attend NASBI, housing and meals are provided on the Texas Tech campus. Travel arrangements are the responsibility of the participants. However, students who need assistance with their travel arrangements should contact the Cross-Cultural Academic Achievement Center to apply for a travel scholarship. A maximum of 40 students will be selected to attend.

For more please visit NASBI Website www.depts.ttu.edu/diversity/NASBI.php. The link to the NASBI application is located on the Website or Cross Cultural Academic Advancement Center at (806) 742-8681 or send an email to NASBI@ttu.edu.

UND's 42nd annual Time Out Week and Wacipi powwow

The University of North Dakota (UND) will celebrate American Indian culture and heritage during the annual Time Out Week April 16-20, 2012 and the Wacipi (Wah Chee Pee) powwow the weekend of April 20-22, 2012.

Time Out Week at UND features speakers discussing the American Indian culture and providing information on what the powwow means to Native Americans.

The Wacipi powwow, a weekend of song and dance, will be held at the Hyslop Sports Center. It includes an annual basketball tournament in which teams compete for prizes.

The Wacipi powwow draws a crowd representing tribes from all across the United States and Canada. It provides UND's American Indian students, the majority of whom are from North Dakota, with the opportunity to openly and respectfully express and share their cultures. It also helps make diversity and the expression of culture a valued attribute at the university and throughout the state.

Time Out Week and the Wacipi provide the Greater Grand Forks community with an unique opportunity to participate in the culturally rich and highly informative events featuring the music, dance and the colorful dance regalia of the indigenous tribes of the state and region. This event is open to the public, and is free for all UND students, children younger than five and senior citizens.

The UND Indian Association (UNDIA), which sponsors Time Out week, has been in existence since 1966. The organization created this annual event because its members saw a community need for a greater understanding about their regional culture, as well as traditional and contemporary cultures. UNDIA students encouraged the campus and Greater Grand Forks community to take "Time Out" for one week each year to share in and celebrate their cultural traditions. UNDIA also sponsors numerous other campus events committed to educating the community and sharing in the celebration of the culture of American Indians in throughout North Dakota, the region and beyond.

For more information contact Deanna Rainbow, UND Indian Association president at (701) 610-8418, or by email at deanna.rainbow@my.und.edu.

Western Oklahoma Indian Baptist Women's conference

The tenth annual Western Oklahoma Indian Baptist Women's conference will be held 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 7, 2012 at the Weatherford Indian Baptist Church, 323 W. Tom Stafford Street.

This year's theme is "A Woman of Noble Character". Conference focus will be *Reaching the Next Generation, Proverbs 31: 10-31*.

Keynote Speaker will be Jan Malone. Teachers will be Ernestine Whitebird, Thelma Kauahquo, and Debra Ellis. Song Leaders will be Debra Sam-Congregational hymns, Belva Hicks-Arapaho hymns and Wanda Whiteman-Cheyenne hymns.

Registration deadline is March 27, 2012. Pre-Registration cost is $10. Cost at the door will be $15.

For more information contact Donna Rush at (405) 262-2680, Lynn Little Hawk at (580) 302-4881, or Carolyn Straka at (405) 691-8487.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program
Baseball/Softball Clinic!

March 21, 2012
Concho Ball Fields
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Participants will recieve tshirts & free lunch!
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.
Must call for Transportation.

For more information, please contact the RESpECT Program at 1.800.247.4612 Ext. 27570

Vocational Rehabilitation and Workforce Investment Act

Will be hosting a community "Career Fair"

Date: April 18, 2012
Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Where: Western Technology Center
2605 E. Main Weatherford, Okla.
(580)-774-0224 Ext.224

Invitations will include many Tribal programs, Tribal Enterprises, and Local Employers.
Hope to see you there!!

"Promoting employment and training services to the western communities"

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GRADES- K-12TH GRADE

SPEAKERS:

Creg Hart-Cheyenne Language and Storytelling
Rick Anquoe– Dancing and Substance Abuse
Cheevers Topppah– Singing
Johnny Windberry and Larry Schrock– Retired and Current Fire Chief, Thomas Fire Dept. FIRE SAFETY

CHR'S–: EVE LITTLEHEAD, THOMAS OK
IRENE DEER, KINGFISHER OK
DONNA SANDAVOL, CALUMET OK
ANY QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO CALL THE CHR OFFICE AT CONCHO OK 405-422-7670

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C&A FOOD DISTRIBUTION-TROY LITTLERAVEN
LUCKY STAR CASINO

LITE SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED, FUN ACTIVITIES, INCENTIVES, AND DOOR PRIZES.

Happy Birthday

Happy 8th Birthday to our future superstar Carlina Angel! We love you so much and thank God he sent you to us. Thanks for being an excellent big sister! Enjoy your day my love! Love always momma, Greg, sister Cayli and brother Gregory, grandma Lydia, grandpa Crazy Horse and all your uncles, aunties, and cousins

Happy 16th Birthday!!!
Glorietta Popetsaitke
March 27
Love grandma, grandpa, Allen, Shanna and all your family and friends.

I would like to wish my companion Tony Kim Reynolds and his sister Angie (Reynolds) Lime a very Happy Birthday Mar. 31 and many more, wishing you get everything that you both want. Love you both, from Carol Standingwater and all your families in Clinton, Elk City and New Mexico!

Happy 23rd Birthday
Carman Jean Gray (C.J.)
March 30 We love you!
The Gray family

Happy 1st Birthday
Mayella Rose Tallbear
March 9
Because today is your 1st Birthday and you are so special too.
Everything that is happy is being wished for you.
Love auntie Margaret and uncle TM, Blaine, Brandy, Baylee and Torence, grandpa and grandma.

Happy 18th Birthday
Keifer Scott!!
Love mom

Wishing a very Happy
4th Birthday
to our lucky charm
Hazel Ruby Gaines
March17
We Love you baby,
mommy, daddy and Harper

Want to wish my adorable daughter Melissa Pedro Buffalomeat a BIG Happy Birthday, March 1st! The "Rock" of my children who is always there for her sister, brothers, nephews and whomever else that may need her…I love her dearly. Love you Melissa!
Yo momma, Bubba, Truman, Tony, Vanessa and your angel in the sky
Marissa and Levi

Birthday Shoutout!
Happy Birthday Sean Hamilton
March 21
We love your crazy self old man!
Still going strong as if you were 15! Hope you have a good one and many more to come! Much Love always bro, Leah, Greg, Will, Justin, Gracie, Aunti Lydia, uncle Crazy Horse, ya nieces, and ya nephews.

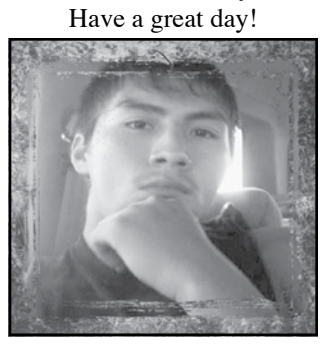
Wishing a Happy Birthday
to our best sisiter in the whole west world.
I love you Hazel Ruby!
From your sister,
Harper Pearl

Happy 2nd Birthday!
Big mamacita aka Marisol Martinez.
March 10. Can't believe its been 2 years! You have grown so much and can't wait for the many birthdays to come mamacita! Love you always and forever, momma Grace, daddy, sister Araceli, Carlina, Cayli, Gregory, grandma Lydia, grandpa Crazy Horse, uncles, aunties.

Happy Birthday!!
Wanda Ruiz
Red Stonecalf
Dwight Riggs
Ashley Ruiz
From your family and friends

Happy Birthday
Izic Starr
From all your friends and teachers at Concho Headstart

Happy Dirty 30
Sonny Sky Spottedcorn
March 19
From all that love you.
Have a great day!



Happy 19th Birthday Eli!!
Love mom

Happy Belated
21st Birthday
Chebon Dawes Mar. 8
Love all of your family

Happy 2nd Birthday
Sweet lil' Kyelan Lane
March 25
Grandma and papa love you so much and are counting the days til we get to hold you again!

Wishing Carrie "KK" Whitlow a very Happy Birthday!
You are the best daughter, sister, and auntie.
Thank you for always being there for all of us!!
We love you!!!
Mom, Will, Steph and all of your nephews and neices.

Happy 30?? Birthday
Amelia Shawnee
March 17
Don't get thrown in cuz
I can't bail you out
From everybody that loves you

***Tribute to** Charmaine Dawnel Yellow Eyes*
June 4, 1993 --- Jan. 3, 2012

Her life was a short 18 yrs. and 7 months. Charmaine was born a Cheyenne and Arapaho; she had rich culture and tradition. Her grandfathers, Chief Joseph Yellow Eyes and Chief Henry Elk River, Chief of the 44th.

She reigns originally from the Red Moon reserve, Almelzhiheh, Walking Woman, named after a notable clan sister, an aunt who raised her, grandpa John Edward Whiteskunk Sr., who was a Dog Soldier and a WWII Veteran of foreign war. Charmaine had a conflicting illness, which lasted over five months. There were many prayer services, prayers from all her friends, family and church families. Prayers in the communities, in the sweat lodges and in the Native American Church services, her named was mentioned.

She will be greatly missed, she joined that Milky Way, she is a bright evening star, "We chock tee," She dances in Heaven.

We loved her, but God loved her more. Because he gave her eternal life, she expressed love, forgiveness and acceptance. We want to express our thankfulness, for all the prayers. Even the prayers now for mourning. Our Cheyenne and Arapaho people are loving and thoughtfuland our friends of other tribes and affiliations. Because we experienced God's love through Charmaine.

Family of Charmaine

Sidney Thomas

March 15, 1957
April 3, 1997

I thought of you today, not unlike every other day. Your smile, your laugh, they still ring in my ears and in my heart. People say "time heals the broken heart", but I have learned it does not. The passing of time since your death has only made the pain and hole in my heart bearable … passing of time has made me able to breathe without the sharpness of a knife piercing my heart. Your daughters have grown into beautiful young women and you

now have two beautiful granddaughters … though I believe you look in on all us from time to time and I have no doubts you are pouring your love from heaven above.
All my love to you my brother,
Rosemary

Fred Le Rayne "Cotton Tail" Whitetail
Oct. 11, 1941
March 6, 2012

Funeral Services for Fred "Cotton Tail" Whitetail, 70, Thomas resident, WAS held Saturday, March 10, 2012 in the Bethany Brethren in Christ Church in Thomas, officiated by Rev. George Akeen. Burial will follow in the Mound Valley Cemetery in Thomas under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

A Traditional Wake Service was Friday, March 9, 2012 in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel.

Fred Le Rayne "Cotton Tail" Whitetail was born October 11, 1941 to Charles and Nellie (Penn-Drunkard) Whitetail in Clinton, Oklahoma and passed away March 6, 2012 in Thomas, Oklahoma.

He was married to Margaret White Crow at an early age and they made their home in Thomas.

Fred was raised northeast of Clinton known as the Turtle Creek area. He attended his schooling in Clinton and Arapaho before moving to Thomas and graduating from Thomas High School in 1960. He continued his education at the Santa Fe, New Mexico School of Art. He came back to Oklahoma and attended Okmulgee A&M getting certificates in Auto Mechanics and Welding as well as Small Engine Repair.

He worked in residential construction and he was employed with Indian Health Services doing janitorial and maintenance.

He was married to Nancy Carol (Stelting) Ware in 1993 in Thomas, Oklahoma. They have made their home in Thomas since that time.

He was a member of the Native American Church and a proud member of the Cheyenne Tribes of Oklahoma. He enjoyed Indian Bead Work and spent many hours bird watching and attending and watching sporting events. He was proud of his time spent in Alcoholic Anonymous and the ability to help others achieve sobriety and his passion was making others smile and laugh.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister, Martha "Beanie" Whitetail, three brothers, William Arnold Whitetail, Marvin Charles Whitetail and Martin Dean Whitetail his paternal Grandparents, Black Turkey Whitetail and Pauline Howling Crane Whitetail and his maternal grandparents, Red Leaf and Little Wolfe

He is survived by his wife, Nancy of the home, his children, Joella "Pebbles" Whitetail, Charles Cantu, both of Clinton and William Pendergrass, AR; three step children from his first marriage, Anosta Horn, Clinton, Marcus Horn, Hydro and Justine "Tena" Cantu, Clinton and four step-daughters from his second marriage, Dorothea Black, Beggs, OK, Erwinna Lynn Chadwick, El Reno, Evalyn Michelle Jones, Lawton and Kara Mott, Okmulgee, Okla., two sisters, Alice Whitetail, Thomas and Annette Lois Dobbins Whitetail, Thomas, Okla. He is also survived by and adopted son, John "Snake" Penn, Clinton and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other family members and several adopted brothers and sisters.

Birth Announcement

Cayli Anyah Pedro

Born Feb. 24, 2012 at Yukon Integris Hospital. She was born to Leah Hamilton and Lawrence Pedro. She has an older sister Carlina Angel and an older brother Gregory Niehhi. Her maternal grandparents are Lydia and Francis K. Hamilton Sr. Her paternal grandparents are Lela Pedro and the late William Lee Pedro.

9 pounds 1 ounce 20-1/2 inches

Back Row: Izic Starr, Trestans Sutton, Avril Blackbear, Citlali Avila, Jzabria Blackwolf, Brooklyn Black, Jesus Meza Jr. Front Row: Jaylon Leyva, Marcus Chavez, Linda Munset, Abbigayle Blackbear Not Pictured: Vincente Baxcajay

Children from Concho Head Start that maintained perfect attendance for the month of February 2012.

Ruby A. Tiger
Feb. 15, 1937
Feb. 29, 2012

A wake service was held for Ruby A. Tiger on March 4, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

Funeral services, arranged by Huber Benson Funeral Home, was held March 5, 2012, also at the Concho Community Center, followed by an Internment at the el Reno City Cemetery.

Donna Marie Bullcoming
June 16, 1982
March 7, 2012

A Traditional service was held for Donna Marie Bullcoming on March 10, 2012 at the Kauley residence in Shawnee, Okla.

Interment was held March 11, 2012, at the Creek Family Cemetery on Bethel road in Shawnee, Okla. Funeral services, arranged by Walker Funeral Service Shawnee, Okla.

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Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license, and CDIB to: Personnel Department P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: whaag @c-a-tribes.org.

Community Health Nurse Diabetes Wellness
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must possess current Oklahoma RN Nursing license. Possess strong verbal and written skills. Able to pass background check. Possess current unrestricted Oklahoma driver's license. Knowledgeable of Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal traditions and customs. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Staff Accountant
Dept. of Treasury
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

An associate's degree in accounting, with minimum of two years of professional accounting experience. An equivalent of education and experience of Tribal accounting of two or more years.

SALARY: Negotiable

Records Management Clerk II
Closing Date: Mar. 21, 2012

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or G.E.D. certification required. Vocational training and/or college hours in office administration, records management is helpful. Knowledge of computer software, experience with database programs, phone and communications skills. Ability to develop memos, letters and reports in a professional manner. Must possess a current and valid Oklahoma driver's license and have reliable transportation. Must be willing to work overtime hours.

SALARY: Negotiable

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Outreach Caseworker Part-time Permanent
Crisis Assistance Program,
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Prefer bachelor's degree in social work or related field or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Require two years of experience in professional related field. Ability to work flexible hours and willing to work hours including after 5 p.m. Must understand and strive to implement program's goals, objectives, rules and regulations. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/ Native American cultures and values. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver's license to operate a government owned vehicle. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Site Manager
R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program,
Clinton, OK
Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must possess a high school diploma or G.E.D. certification. Associates degree preferred or two years of work experience in related field or its equivalent. Must be willing to further education. Must receive and maintain CPR/First Aid Certifications and be knowledgeable about the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, communities, traditions, culture and customs. Possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. TERO applies (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal preference) and must pass a background check.

SALARY: Negotiable

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Students may now apply for Fall 2012 scholarships and are due in Education office or postmarked by U.S. mail by June 1, 2012.

Community Health Representative, CHR Program
Kingfisher, OK
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must have EMT, Medical Assistant, CMA, or CNA experience. Have Current CPR Certification. Valid Okla. drivers license and able to be insurable under tribes insurance. Must reside in service area. Must pass a physical and be in good physical condition. Must pass Basic CHR training and First Responder training within one (1) year. Travel required in duties. Must have minimum of High School diploma or G.E.D. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Must be able to work outside the hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Server Engineer/Systems Support
Communications/IT
Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor of Science in Technology or a related field or any equivalent combination of experience, education and training which provides the desired knowledge, skills, and abilities preferred. Three to five years experience as a solid server systems technician or related field with a specialty in Microsoft Windows Server 2003 and 2008 R2, 2008 R2 Core, and Linux. Prefer certifications MCSE or MCITP A+ and Net+.

SALARY: Negotiable

Counselor Vocational Rehab Prog.-Watonga
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in social science field preferred. Two years experience in the delivery of social services and/or community based networking and referral services and one-year experience in community-based networking and referral services. Two years counseling experience with case management and/or vocational interest assessment experience preferred. Must possess valid Oklahoma driver's license and have reliable transportation. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Must pass pre-hire background investigation.

SALARY: Negotiable

Counselor Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Watonga, OK
Closing Date: Until filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in a social science field preferred. Two years experience in the delivery of social services and/or community based networking and referral services. One year experience preferred in community-based networking and referral services. Two years counseling experience with case management and/or vocational interest assessment experience preferred. Must possess valid Oklahoma driver's license and have reliable transportation. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Must pass pre-hire background investigation.

SALARY: Negotiable

Content Producer/ Videographer, CATV (Cheyenne and Arapaho Television)
CATV-47
Closing Date: Mar. 23, 2012

QUALIFICATIONS:

The selected candidate will be responsible for the production of content for CATV. Videographer of relevant subject matter in studio and on remote location utilizing professional broadcast cameras and related equipment. Lighting of scenes and subject matter in studio and on remote location. Writing scripts and copy which convey messages relevant to subject matter using standard journalistic style and grammar. Editing video images and audio to properly convey subject matter and message utilizing professional editing equipment and software programs. High School diploma or equivalent and two or more years work experience. Prefer Bachelor's Degree in Communications/ Broadcasting/Radio-TV- Film/ Engineering or related fields.

SALARY: Negotiable

Wind Energy Project Recruiting Tribal Members

The Department of Economic Development is currently recruiting tribal members interested in attending the next Wind Energy Technician Level I class scheduled to be held at Canadian Valley Vo-Tech in El Reno beginning Monday, April 23, 2012-May 18, 2012.

Orientation will be held Thursday March 29, 2012 from 6-10 p.m. The classes will be held M-F from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Applicants must apply for financial assistance through the EOTS Department as early as possible to ensure that applications can be processed timely. Class is limited to the first 15 students.

For more information call (405) 422-7454 or 422-7466.

The New Clinton Indian Health Center is Celebrating 5 years of service with the Grand Opening of our new Mammography Unit.

Please join us March 30, 2012 at 1:00 in the Radiology Waiting Area for the celebration and to learn more about this new service.

CLINTON SERVICE UNIT

Tribal Liaison Coordinator
Department of Nutritional Sciences
Oklahoma State University (OSU)
Closing Date Mar.23, 2012.
(Position will remain open until filled)

The Department of Nutritional Sciences, College of Human Sciences, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, seeks an energetic, self-starter for its Tribal Liaison Coordinator position. Position takes a lead role in coordinating nutrition education partnerships with Native American tribes in Oklahoma and across the Nation. Candidates must demonstrate ability to maintain positive working relationships; proven ability to establish and maintain partnerships with tribal organizations; familiarity with school based nutrition programs appropriate for Native American students; prior experience working with grade school children; demonstrated ability to work with people of all racial, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds; ability to prioritize and process multiple projects and deadlines; ability to creatively approach challenges and projects; demonstrated ability to organize and lead curriculum training programs for professional staff. Bachelor's degree in Nutritional Sciences, Human Sciences, Social Sciences, Education or related field. A Master's degree and 1-3 years of experience developing partnerships and training programs in cooperation with Native American tribes preferred.

Apply online at Jobs.okstate.edu and search by Requisition/ Listing #07929. Attach resume, cover letter, and the names and contact information for three professional references. If assistance is needed please call OSU Human Resources at 405-744-7401.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: 2/29/2012

To: All Cheyenne and Arapaho Chiefs and Headsmen, Patrick Spotted Wolf, Speaker of the 4th Legislature, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Members

From: Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell
Governor Janice PrairieChief-Boswell

RE: Annual Special Session of the Legislature with all Chiefs and Headsmen

The Constitution of the Tribes permits the Governor to call Special Sessions of the Legislature. Specifically, Article VI, Section 6(C) of the Constitution States:

A Special Session of the Legislature shall be held annually in March. The purpose of the Special Session shall be to meet and counsel with all Chiefs and Headsmen regarding the needs and welfare of the Tribes and its Members. Each Chief and Headsmen shall receive an invitation to the Special Session.

I hereby call a Special Session of the Legislature for 19, March, 2012, at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Native American Center, Concho, Oklahoma to begin at 10:00 A.M. I specifically do not call the Special Session for any other day than 19, March, 2012.

Public Notice

Roads Construction Program

Canton Smoke Shop/Casino Parking Lot Project
Canton, OK
Blaine County

NOTICE IS hereby given that the **Canton Smoke Shop/Casino Parking Lot** construction will begin on **Monday, March 19, 2012**. This construction will allow for Grade, Drain and Resurfacing.

The **Canton Smoke Shop/Casino Parking Lot Project** (Tribal IRR Route #5414) shall be completed in two (2) phases and shall begin with the South Parking Lot (Phase I) of the Canton Lucky Star (formerly Feather Warrior) Casino and Smoke Shop sites. Upon completion of Phase I, the South Parking Lot will be opened for public access while construction continues on to the North Parking Lot (Phase II) of the project site. It is estimated that the work will be completed in 120 calendar days (NLT July 19, 2012, weather permitting).

Customer Parking will be closed to the public in phases as identified above.

This Notice will be effective for a maximum of 120 Days from the above given date.

Any inquiries about the nature and/or construction of this project, please contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Roads Construction Program at (405)-422-7468.

Dated: Tuesday, **March 6, 2012**

Angela Blind, Transportation Director

Letter to the Editor

To Whom It May Concern:

One Christmas the Cheyenne-Arapaho children were robbed of their Christmas. The children were very excited, but the elders did not know what or how to explain why. I know that us elders were without showing our usual love to our children. Us as adults are used to being let down, but not by someone who has no conscience. Our people should bond together to see that our children are not without their usually Christmas love.

Our people, as a whole, should see that we have the right people taking care of us as the warriors of old took care of each member of our clan. We no longer have the Chiefs of old times who watched out for our people, but if Black Kettle was alive he would die of shame to see what our people have become. Our ancestors would not tolerate this aforementioned way of life. I, for one, am ashamed of being C&A if this is how we live.

Christopher P. George, Class of 81
Riverside Indian School

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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
X.C
DOB: 06/02/96
An Minor Child
Case No: PG-2011-0117

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: GAYNELL WILLIAMSON

You are hereby notified that RAYLENE ECHOHAWK has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardian of the person and/or estate of X.C, a minor child and that on DECEMBER 27, 2011, the petitioner, RAYLENE ECHOHAWK was granted temporary guardianship and that said Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 20TH day of JUNE, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 7th day of MARCH, 2012.

Edwina Whiteman, Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Raylene Echohawk
9349 N. 2390 Rd.
Thomas, Ok 73669

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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
J.M.W.
DOB: 08/04/2011
Case No: CIV-2012-0034

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: MICHAEL STAFFORD

You are hereby notified that has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardian of the person and/or estate of J.M.W., minor child. The Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 25th day of APRIL, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2012.

Maria Farmer, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Bobbie Jo Whiteman
P.O. Box 129
Seiling, OK 73663

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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
N.S.B
DOB: 08/02/02
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: JOSEPHINE RAMOS aka JOSEPHINE BULLCOMING

You are hereby notified that has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardian of the person and/or estate of N.S.B., minor child. The Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 25th day of APRIL, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2012.

Edwina Whiteman, Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Roy Dean Bullcoming
P.O. Box 183
Seiling, Ok 73663

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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
D.M.
DOB:10/09/95
D.M.
DOB: 10/03/99
L. B.
DOB: UNKNOWN
Minor Children Under The Age Of 18 Years
Case No: CIV-2012-0013

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **SANTOS MARQUES AND JESSE BUSHYHEAD**

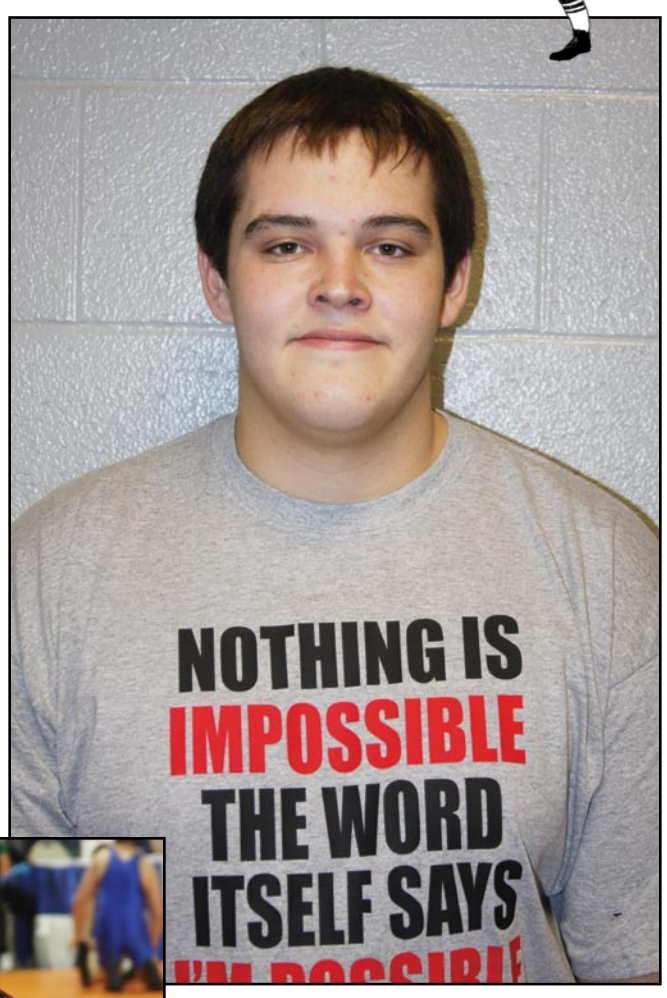
You are hereby notified that Charles W. Bushyhead has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody of the persons and/or estates D.M., D.M. and L.B. minor children, and that said Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 11th day of APRIL, 2011 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 7th day of March, 2012.

Maria Farmer, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court

Petitioner:
Charles W. Bushyhead
1108 Skyview Dr.
El Reno, OK 73036

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

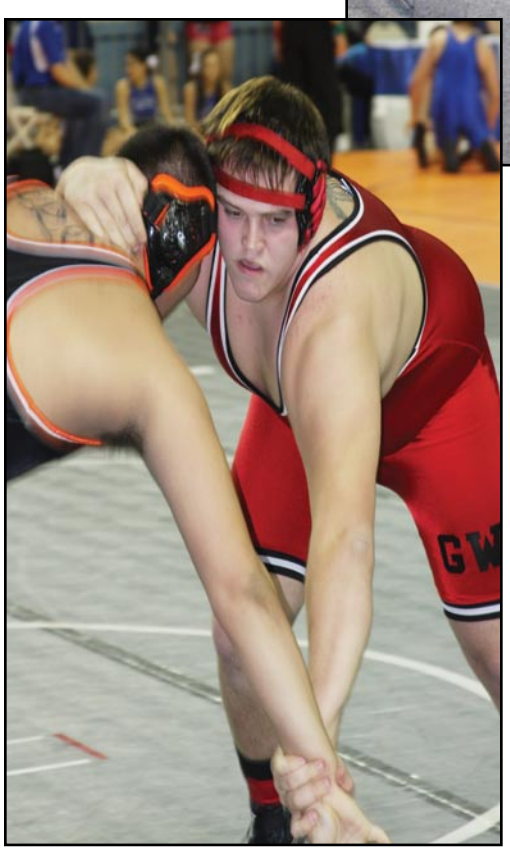


Bryce Wickware, Cheyenne and Arapaho senior at Watonga Public High School. He wrestles on the Geary Public School's wrestling team.

"The two schools co-op to make a better and bigger team. I am a heavy weight wrestler and I weigh about 280 lbs. My biggest accomplishment is making it to state," Wickware said.

Wickware participated at the OSSAA 3A State Tournament held on Feb. 24-25, 2012 at the Oklahoma City fairgrounds.

"At the semifinals I defeated Walter Lynn, which was his first loss of the season," Wickware said.



Wickware said he began wrestling when he was about 5 years old.

"I watched my older brother wrestle when I was little and I was always out on the mat with him, so my mom put me in it as well. I really love wrestling, I am a natural at it," Wickware said.

Wickware said before his matches a friend of the family, Leonard Baird, always prays with him.

"He encourages me to do better and is always there for me," Wickware said. "I am hoping for a wrestling scholarship so that I can attend college, but if I don't get a scholarship, I will attend welding school in Tulsa, Okla."

Snoop Dog is back by popular demand

Photos by Kamille

Snoop Dog performed at Lucky Star Casino's Event Center in Concho, Okla. on March 8, 2012. He recently performed at the casino and was brought back by popular demand from his fans.

Snoop Dog also spent time meeting fans and taking photos with tribal members.

Upcoming events at Lucky Star Casino include George Thorogood, March 16 and Willie Nelson & Family on April 6, 2012.

For more information visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

Above: Lucky Star Casnio's General Manager, Chris Derenzo and Marketing Liason, Freddy Ramirez welcome Snoop Dog back to Concho, Okla.

Right: Monica Thunderbull and Leslie Heredia enjoy meeting with Snoop Dog.

The New Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla.

The new 100 ft. x 120 ft. Cheyenne and Arapaho Community Center in Clinton, Okla. is anticipated to open by late June 2012.

"They will be having meetings here, a facility to accommodate our tribal members' needs. A lot of them have had to rent places out here in western Oklahoma and this will be a welcomed addition to the Clinton community members," Orville Whiteskunk, Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority, executive director said.

RED EARTH RUN

On March 10, 2012 Red Earth Inc. held a 10k, 5k and 1 mile fun walk along the Oklahoma River at the Regatta Park in Oklahoma City.
It was the first year the Red Earth Run gave away a Challenge Cup for company or tribe with the best overall times. First place winner was Riverside Indian School, Anadarko, Okla. Second place winner was Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Concho, Okla. and third place winner was Glorietta Baptist church, Oklahoma City.

Submitted by Dr. Henrietta Mann, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College President

CATC CORNER

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Above (l-r): Cristian J. Reyes-Pintor, Puerto Rico, Scot Schucker, Ames, IA, Tim Lewis, Marinette, WI, Alex Fales, Ames, IA, Firas Shalabi, Jordon, Drew Strum, Ames, IA,Greg Uhrig, Seattle, WA, Anna Fridl, Dixon, IL, Maria Giles, Ames, IA, Kira Strong, Elgin, IA, Zaneta Jones, Dixon, IL,Un Ian Lei, Macan China, Jihea Kim, South Korea,Jihee Chung South Korea, Dr. Lynn Paxson, Iowa State University, Ida Hoffman, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Chief-of-Staff.

For the fourth year, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College (CATC) hosted students from Iowa State University, Ames, who are providing design ideas for a CATC facility/campus. They are enrolled in the Interdisciplinary Studio course taught by Dr. Lynn Paxson, Professor, College of Design, Department of Architecture and their work with CATC fulfills their service-learning component for the course. The wording on their t-shirts exemplifies their orientation and purpose, *I imagine. I create. I design.*

Dr. Paxson is a member of the American Indian Council of Architects and Engineers and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, the latter of which has honored her for her work in developing curriculum that incorporates underrepresented peoples. Consequently, as a part of maintaining her academic focus, she brings her students to Cheyenne and Arapaho territory so they can learn more about and understand the culture of the Tsistsistas and Hinónóéí to incorporate into their designs. The students' work is phenomenal and creative.

For example, one student from an earlier class designed a beautiful; culturally appropriate multipurpose facility that would pass the stringent requirements for a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

LEED certification provides independent, third-party verification that a building, home or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at achieving high performance in key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

Obviously, Dr. Paxson's students possess the knowledge and skills of their profession to which they are adding a cultural dimension.

They shared their preliminary designs with some members of the executive committee of the Board of Regents, SWOSU/CATC students, and CATC staff their first morning. They spent the afternoon visiting potential "dream" sites upon which the tribes' college could be located. That evening Gail Wilcox and Minoma Little Hawk-Sills provided a cultural meal.

The next morning a caravan of automobiles on Highway I-40 were seen making their way to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal headquarters in Concho, Okla. The Department of Administration Executive Director, Eddie Hamilton, greeted the group at the door and escorted them to the Tribal Council room for an introduction to Cheyenne and Arapaho culture and history by Chief Gordon Yellowman.

Chief of Staff, Ida Hoffman, then conducted a tour of the tribal complex, which included a stop at the Governor's office where Gov. Janice Boswell greeted the students and presented them with gifts. They also toured the Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Department and the Lucky Star Casino.

From there, the group drove to Oklahoma City where Gena Timberman escorted them through the completed facilities of the Native American Cultural Center and Museum and on the one-half mile walk to the top of the mound.

Saturday the students visited the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site in Cheyenne, Okla. where their introduction consisted of viewing the documentary, *Destiny at Dawn: Loss & Victory on the Washita*. Following this, Little Hawk-Sills, a former Washita employee, guided them along the longer walking path. Upon their return to the interpretive center she visually showed them the beautiful and unique cultural items that might have been in a tepee. The items ranged from cooking containers to willow back rests that the students handled and examined as they sat on a buffalo hide rug.

Concluding an action packed three days, the group returned to Weatherford, Okla. to get ready for their drive back to Ames, Iowa the next day with a stop scheduled at Haskell Indian Nations University. Dr. Paxson is to be commended for her commitment to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College.

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CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES LEGISLATURE INSERT

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Tribal Legislature News

The Fourth Legislature has had a productive first quarter so far this year. We have passed several Bills which have been signed into Law by Governor Janice Prairiechief-Boswell.

These are the Election Ordinance, passed on December 22, 2011 and signed into law in January 2012. When she signed it, Janice recommended two amendments. These amendments and others have been incorporated into the amended Election Ordinance which we have been having Public Hearings on for the past month. The Election Commissioners have attended and have given feedback on the amendments. This Amended Election Ordinance was passed by the Legislature at the March Regular Legislative Session held March 10, 2012.

The next Bill, the Membership Ordinance, was passed by the Legislature at the February Regular Legislative Session held February 11, 2012. It was signed by Janice on March 3. This Membership Ordinance is required by the Constitution to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior though passed by Tribal Council on November 17, 2007. For more information on this Ordinance, please see Membership Ordinance on page 2.

There have also been several Confirmations made by the Legislature, for the Election Commission and the Housing Authority.

At this time the following Acts are being considered by the Legislature and will have Public Hearings to discuss these.

An Act to Adopt a Method of Implementation for the Tribes' Uniform Policy of Transparency
An Act to Establish Limits on Judicial Authority
An act to Adopt a Method to Calculate Gaming Revenues for Allocation to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
A Bill to Adopt a Tribal Safety Action Plan
Sex Offender Registration
Amend the Criminal Code
2012 Budget
An Act Authorizing Governor Janice Prairiechief-Boswell to Draw Down and Distribute Funds from Tribal Proceeds of Accounts PL 7170700 & PL 7210702 Derived from Oil & Gas, Bonus, and Farm & Grazing Revenues Annually, Beginning as soon as the Money BIA Released to Harjo is Returned to the Tribes, and Each December Thereafter for the Remainder of her Four (4) Year Term
An Act Reauthorizing Unclaimed and Abandoned Per Capita Funds
Impeach Lieutenant Governor Leslie Wandrie-Harjo
Impeach Legislator Clifton Ellis
Remove Judge Bob Smith
Ratify Judges
Amend the Constitution

Tribal Website

The Tribal Website, www.c-a-tribes.org, has a Legislative link which can be found at http://www.c-a.tribes.org/legislative-branch-article-vi.

It can also be found by clicking on Government at the top:

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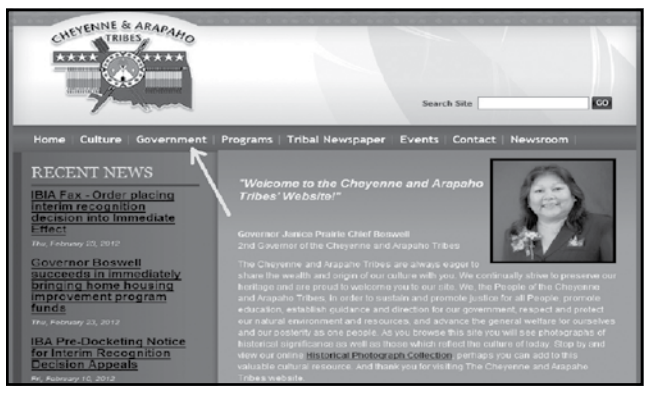
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"Welcome to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Website!"
Governor Janice Prairie Chief Boswell
2nd Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are always eager to share the wealth and origin of our culture with you. We continuously strive to preserve our heritage and are proud to welcome you to our site. We, the People of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, in order to sustain and promote justice for all People, promote education, establish guidance and direction for our government, respect and protect our natural environment and resources, and advance the general welfare for ourselves and our posterity as one people. As you browse this site you will see photographs of historical significance as well as those which reflect the culture of today. Stop by and view our online Historical Photograph Collection, perhaps you can add to this valuable cultural resource. And thank you for visiting The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes website.

On this page you will be able to view Public Notices and Bills being considered by the Legislature, both in previous months and currently. We encourage all Tribal members to look at these Bills and contact their Legislature or the Legislative Clerk for more information on these Bills.

You will also find Notices regarding Public Hearings to be held in different communities and at Concho. These Public Hearings are important because they give Tribal members the opportunity to meet with Legislators and to learn more about these Bills. We encourage all Tribal members to attend as many Public Hearings as possible and to make comments.

In the near future we will post video of the Swearing In of the Fourth Legislature, the Regular Legislative Sessions held on January 14, February 11 and March 10, as well as the Special Legislative Session held on February 3, 2012. Again, we encourage Tribal members to view these videos and make comments. Comments can be made to Legislative Clerk Ramona Tall Bear.

Public Hearings

Public Hearings have been tentatively scheduled for the following dates and are subject to change. The locations and times haven't been set yet either but will be posted as soon as possible on the Tribes' website under Recent News, and on the Tribes' facebook page. We will schedule some Hearings in the evening to make it more convenient for Tribal members who work during the day to attend.

Monday March 26 at 10am, Main Conference Room, Concho
Wednesday March 28, TBA
Tuesday April 3, TBA
Wednesday April 4, TBA
Wednesday April 11, TBA

At these times, Public Hearings are places for Tribal members to receive information on pending Legislation and give their opinions and feedback. These Hearings are also informational and most any subject can be discussed with the Legislators.

Please contact Legislative Clerk Ramona Tall Bear if you would like to schedule a Public Hearing in your community and if you would like to learn of any particular subject.

Membership Ordinance

When presented to the BIA office, the Membership Ordinance passed by Tribal Council in 2007 received several suggested amendments. These amendments and others have been incorporated into the current Membership Ordinance and Public Hearings have been held with the Enrollment Director and her Assistant Director attending and giving feedback.

The Legislature made the requested amendments and passed it at the February 2012 Regular Session. After being signed by the Governor it must be approved by the Tribal Council once again. A petition to call a Special Tribal Council meeting is being circulated and on the agenda is the Membership Ordinance.

The Membership Ordinance is shown below, with line numbers on each page to assist any Tribal member when speaking about a certain line on a certain page.

If you have any questions please feel free to call the Legislative Clerk.

Sex Offender Registration

An item being considered by the Legislature is the Sex Offender Registration Act, where the Tribes elected to assume jurisdiction over the Sex Offender Registry and conduct Sex Offender Registration on the Tribal reserve.

The Sex Offender Registration Act will require people who are in Tribal jurisdiction and have been convicted of certain sex crimes to tell the government and public where they live, work, attend school, and if they attend social and ceremonial events. This act will also require registered sex offenders to stay away from schools, churches, and other places where sex offenders are known to prey on victims.

Sex Offenders are historically known to reoffend more often than other criminals. By informing the public of their whereabouts, people can be more vigilant in avoiding sex offenders who may be tempted to take advantage of vulnerable victims. Information about sex offenders' appearance, place of residence, school, and employment, will be available from the Tribes' official website. Tribal members may also contact the Probation Office of the Tribal Court for information.

Registration of potentially dangerous criminals alone will not guarantee safety, but it will allow tribal members to be more aware of the possible dangers near them and take appropriate safety measures. For more information see www.smart.gov, http://www.nsopw.gov, and www.missingkids.com ("sex offenders" link). The Legislature will also be updating the Tribes criminal code to include up to date sex offense crimes and provide for felony convictions.

2012 Budget

In the Constitution, Article VII Executive Branch, Section 4 Powers, (b) states

"The Governor shall make projections of annual revenues and shall propose an annual budget to the Legislature no later than June 1st of each year. The annual budget shall include all revenue and funds controlled by the Tribes including gaming revenue, and all revenue and funds received by the Tribes from any and all sources…"

In the Constitution, Article VI Legislative Branch, Section 5 Powers, (d) states

"The Legislature shall enact an annual budget by law which shall include an appropriation of operating funds for the Tribal Council, the Executive Branch, and the Judicial Branch. The annual budget shall include all revenue and funds controlled by the Tribes including gaming revenue, and all revenue and funds received by the Tribes from any and all sources…"

In the Constitution, Article V Tribal Council, Section 2 Powers, (b) states

"The Tribal Council shall have the exclusive power to approve the annual budget for the Tribes; provided that if the Tribal Council fails to approve or disapprove the annual budget within thirty days of receipt of the annual budget as approved in the Legislative Process, then the annual budget shall be deemed approved. The annual budget shall include all revenue and funds controlled by the Tribes including gaming revenue, and all revenue and funds received by the Tribes from any and all sources."

Based on these statements from the Constitution and from other sources such as previously filed judgments regarding the Constitution and reasons given for the Governor's action on Legislative proposals, the Legislature feels it must develop a 2012 Budget for The Tribe.

We have held Public Hearings in which the Governor, the Treasurer, and various other staff have attended. We also have the 2012 Budget proposed by the Governor, the new Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan, GRAP, approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission, NIGC.

Therefore we are working to prepare a 2012 Budget which will replace the 2008 Budget, which had been ruled by Judge Bob Smith as binding upon us, and which has been found to be inflated and unrealistic. It has also been ruled as being still binding upon us but not being used as the Constitution intended, to control spending by this new Government.

We encourage all Tribal members to attend Public Hearings, at which this budget will be made available, answer questions and give feedback.

A petition to call a Special Tribal Council meeting is being circulated at this time and on the agenda is the 2012 Budget. The Tribal Council will be given the opportunity to exercise its power to approve the annual budget for the Tribes.

We encourage all Tribal members to ask about signing the Petition to call the Special Tribal Council meeting and plan to attend. Please contact Legislative Clerk Ramona Tall Bear if you are interested in signing this petition.

Constitutional Amendments

The Legislature will be making amendments to the Constitution and will be having Hearings in communities over the next few months to get input from Tribal members. We will post Public Notices of these Hearings when they are finalized. Also, Legislators will have community meetings where input will be gathered. Please attend as many as possible so your voice will be heard.

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CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
2012 MEMBERSHIP ORDINANCE

Section 1. AUTHORITY

This membership ordinance of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes is enacted by the Tribal Council in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, § 4 of the Tribes' Constitution.

Section 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this membership ordinance is to establish guidelines, rules and an orderly procedure to maintain a current membership roll of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

Section 3. DEFINITIONS

The following terms and phrases, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meaning ascribed to them, hereunder:

Adverse Enrollment Action – a decision by the Membership Committee to deny membership to any applicant for any reason; or, a disenrollment decision by the Membership Committee that results in the removal of a tribal member from the membership rolls.

Applicant – a person who has submitted an application for membership with the Tribes prior to final action on said application.

Base Enrollee –all persons whose names appear on the October 31, 1967, Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes base roll.

Constitution – refers to the Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes as amended and enacted on April 4, 2006.

Enrollment Office – The Cheyenne and Arapaho Enrollment Department.

Family Tree Chart – the form used to show the line of biological descent of an applicant from a base enrollee.

Ward – A person who has been judicially determined to be unable to take legal actions on their own behalf and has been assigned a guardian by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Minor – a person under the age of eighteen years.

Relinquishment – personal, voluntary action taken by a tribal member or an individual legally authorized to act on the member's behalf to terminate the member's relationship with the Tribes.

Resolution – a formal statement of a decision by a tribal entity.

Shared in any land or money – As used in Article IV, § 2, of the Constitution, means that the individual received land directly from the other tribe or received money from a per capita payment distributed only to members of the other tribe. This phrase does not refer to:

a. land inherited from an individual member of the other tribe,
b. receipt of non-taxable services such as health, education or need based social service,
c. receipt of per capita payments distributed to all descendants of a tribe rather than to members only'
d. Receipt of money as a minor when the money was legally given to the parent for the minor's benefit.

Sponsor – a parent or legal guardian who has the legal authority to take enrollment actions on behalf of another person who is a ward.

The Tribe or the Tribes – The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

Section 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Article IV, of the Tribes' Constitution provides, and is fully incorporated into this Ordinance, as follows:

Section 1. Requirements. The Membership of the Tribes shall consist of the following persons:

(a). All persons whose names appear on the tribal membership roll prepared pursuant to the Act of October 31, 1967; provided that corrections may be made to the roll at any time, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

(b). Each person of 1/4, or more, degree of blood of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, born after October 31, 1967, but prior to the effective date of the constitution and bylaws adopted in 1975, both of whose parents are members of the tribes.

(c). Each person of 1/4, or more, degree of blood of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, born after October 31, 1967, but prior to the

effective date of the constitution and bylaws adopted in 1975, if such is admitted to membership by a majority vote of the Legislature certifying compliance with this section.

(d). Each person of 1/4, or more, degree of blood of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, born to a member of the tribes after the effective date of the constitution and bylaws adopted in 1975.

(e). The Department of Enrollment shall keep the Membership Roll current by adding births and deleting deaths.

Section 2. Other Tribes. Persons who possess blood of another Indian tribe shall not be enrolled if they have shared in any land or money by virtue of having been enrolled as a member of the other tribe.

Section 3. Blood Degree. For purposes of determining degree of Cheyenne-Arapaho Indian blood possessed by applicants for membership, the degree of Cheyenne-Arapaho Indian blood shown on the October 31, 1967, roll shall govern. Corrections may be made in degree of Cheyenne-Arapaho Indian blood shown on the roll if a request, in writing, is received from the enrollee or one of his descendants, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The burden of proof in establishing a degree of Indian blood other than that shown on the roll is on the party making the request.

Section 4. Future Membership. The tribal council shall have the power to enact resolutions and/or ordinances, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, governing future membership and the adoption of new members.

Section 5. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

A. Establishment of the Membership Committee – A standing committee to be known as the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Membership Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Membership Committee" or "Committee," is hereby established.
B. Organization and Selection of Committee Membership – The Membership Committee shall be organized as follows:
   1. The Membership Committee shall consist of at least 3 but not more than 8 persons reasonably representing the Cheyenne and Arapaho voting districts. In addition to the appointed representatives, the Executive Director of the Department of Enrollment shall also serve on the Committee during his or her term of office.
   2. Each member of the Membership Committee shall be selected by nomination by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Legislature. The Governor shall submit said nomination to the

Speaker of the Legislature for consideration in a regular or special session. If the Legislature does not act at a special session called by the Governor or the next regular session, the nominee shall be deemed confirmed. The term of office for a Committee member shall extend four years from the date of confirmation, provided that the first set of members appointed pursuant to this ordinance shall have terms of one, two, three, or four years in order to stagger the terms. The first two shall have four year terms, the third and forth shall have three year terms, the fifth and sixth shall have two year terms, and the seventh and eighth shall have one year terms.

   3. The Governor shall be required to submit nominations to the Legislature at least 60 days prior to the expiration of a term. If the Governor does not submit a nomination then the Legislature may select a member by Resolution. At least three nominees shall be submitted within 30 days of the effective date of this Ordinance.
   4. A Committee member may be removed by 6 affirmative votes of the Legislature or by the Tribal Council.

C. Authority and Function of the Membership Committee – The Membership Committee shall possess authority adequate to perform the following functions:
   1. Meet for official business once in January, once in April, once in July, and once in October to approve decisions of the Department. Meetings shall be held within tribal jurisdiction. Members in attendance shall be reimbursed for mileage and one meal per meeting. Notice of meetings shall be given 30 days in advance to the Governor, Speaker of the Legislature, Tribal Council Coordinator, Enrollment Department, Tribal Tribune, and be placed on the Tribe's website.
   2. Establish bylaws of the Committee which shall govern meetings and other committee business;
   3. Examine each completed membership application;
   4. Make membership determinations and approve changes to the membership roll;
   5. Conduct hearings on membership determinations as authorized under this Ordinance.
   6. The Enrollment Department shall be responsible for administrative needs of the Committee including giving notices, planning meetings, providing meals at meetings, and paying mileage in accordance with Tribal travel policy.

D. If there are not three members of the Committee, or the Committee has not met within four months, then membership applications shall be approved by Resolution of the Legislature.

Section 6. FILING AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

A. Burden of Proof - The burden of proving eligibility for membership shall rest with the applicant.

B. Who Must File? – Any person wishing to establish membership with the Tribes who are not currently on the Cheyenne and Arapaho Membership Roll must file an enrollment application. Applications for minors must be completed by both natural parents, a divorced or single parent having legal custody and not prohibited pursuant to the custody order, or adoptive parents. A guardian may file an application for a ward. A separate application must be filed by each individual seeking membership.

C. When and Where to File an Application – All enrollment applications shall be filed with the Enrollment Office. Application forms may be obtained by making an oral or written request to the Enrollment Office.

D. Contents of Membership Application – Each enrollment application must be completed in its entirety and must contain sufficient personal information to properly determine the applicant's eligibility for enrollment. The enrollment application shall include the following:

i. All names by which the applicant is or has been known;
ii. Name of sponsor, if applicable, and sponsor's relationship to the applicant;
iii. Mailing address of the applicant and, if applicable, the applicant's sponsor;
iv. Telephone number, e-mail, and/or other contact information for the applicant and, if applicable, the applicant's sponsor;
v. Date of applicant's birth;
vi. Applicant's Social Security Number;
vii. Identification of any tribe other than the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes from which the applicant is descended;
viii. The name and CDIB of the enrollee through whom the applicant is claiming eligibility;
ix. The requirement of a "yes" or "no" answer to the following questions:
   a. Is the applicant an enrolled member of another tribe, band, or Indian community?
   b. Has the applicant shared in any land or money from another tribe as a member?
   c. Is the applicant adopted?
x. A completed family tree chart identifying at least the applicants descent from documented ancestors on the October 31, 1967 Roll;
xi. Computation of blood quantum;

xii. Certification that the information provided in the application is true and accurate as known by the applicant or the applicant's sponsor.
xiii. A statement notifying the applicant or sponsor that it is a criminal offense under federal and tribal law to present false or misleading information for enrollment purposes;
xiv. Signature of the applicant or, if applicable, the applicant's sponsor.

E. Required Documentation –Each application shall be accompanied by the following documentation:

1) Family Tree connecting the applicant to one or more Base Enrollees;
2) Verification of eligibility through parental lineage, by one of the following methods:
   i. Applicant's original state-certified birth certificate; or,
   ii. a DNA or other genetic marker test, obtained at the applicant's sole expense, showing at least a 99% probability that a specified tribal member is a natural ancestor of the applicant; or,
   iii. A court order declaring an individual tribal member to be the natural parent of the applicant;
3) If applicable, proof of relinquishment of membership in any tribe, band, or Indian community, that the applicant has been a member.
4) Optional – If applicable, certification from each tribe that the applicant is a biological descendant of original enrollees, stating the current and previous membership or citizenship status.
5) An authorization to release membership and benefit information and records from any other tribe.
6) In addition to the items required under Section 6.D(1)-(3), any applicant who has been adopted must also submit documentation which proves the applicant's eligibility through parental lineage of the natural parent. Such proof may consist of a copy of the adoption decree together with either the original birth certificate or a legal document identifying the natural parent(s). A certification from the Secretary of Interior, or his or her authorized agent, issued pursuant to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-608) shall be conclusive evidence of the relationship to the natural parent(s).

Section 7. PROCESSING AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

A. Initial Processing – The Department of Enrollment shall review all incoming applications in accordance with the process outlined below:

1) Acknowledge receipt of the application form and all enclosures by stamping each document with the date and time received and verifying authenticity by initialing each stamp with the initials of the employee who is acknowledging receipt.
2) Original documents will be stamped received, copied for the Department records, and returned to the applicant.
3) Check to ensure the application is complete. All incomplete applications shall be returned to the sponsor or applicant. A form letter shall accompany the incomplete application identifying the parts of the application that are incomplete and requesting documents needed to make the application complete.
4) Create permanent electronic and hard copy files for the applicant. Applicant files shall include the initial application, all supporting documentation submitted by the applicant, and any and all enrollment-related information received by the Department of Enrollment thereafter.
5) Compute the applicant's degree of Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian blood. A second staff member within the Department of Enrollment shall verify all blood quantum computations. Computation shall be as follows:
   a. Start with the blood quantum of each tribe of both parents. For purposes of this Section Cheyenne and Arapaho blood quantum shall be calculated separately. If only one parent can be verified then the computation may be from that parent and the contribution from the un-verified parent shall be zero.
   b. Divide each tribal blood quantum of each parent by 2.
   c. Add the blood quantums of each tribe shared by the parents to get the tribal blood quantums of the child. Any tribe represented by only one parent shall be shown as ½ that of that parent.
   d. Add the blood quantum of Cheyenne to the blood quantum of Arapaho.
   e. If the combined blood quantum of Cheyenne and Arapaho is ¼ or more degree, then the applicant meets the blood quantum requirement for membership.
6) If certification is not provided by the applicant, inquire of any and all other tribes, bands or Indian communities from which the applicant is identified as a descendant to determine whether or not the applicant has "shared in any land or money" from such other tribes, bands, or Indian communities. Such a determination shall be required to complete applications for membership in the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes. A certification of the applicant's degree of Indian blood of the other tribe(s) may also be requested, as a service to the Applicant, in order for this information to be added to the applicant's profile.
7) To the greatest extent possible, assist the applicant in determining ways that might help to establish eligibility.

B. Recommendation by the Executive Director – The Executive Director shall review each application and recommend enrollment or denial of the applicant to the Membership Committee.

C. Approval by the Membership Committee – The Membership Committee shall approve each application after the following has been verified:

1) Examine each completed application and supporting documentation at the next meeting following receipt from the Executive Director.
2) After reviewing each completed application, approve eligible applicants for membership and deny ineligible applicants, giving the reason for denial in writing.
3) On a monthly basis, prepare a certified list of approved and denied applicants to the Executive Director of Enrollment and direct the Executive Director to notify each applicant of the Committee's decision regarding their application. Denied applicants shall be notified by telephone, e-mail, or regular mail, and if contact is not made, then by certified mail The denied applicant will be provided information regarding the reason for denial, their appeal rights under Section 9 of this Ordinance, and be advised of their right to submit a new application if the applicant feels eligibility can be established at a later date. Denied applicants shall be provided a copy of Section 9 provisions governing appeals.

D. The Committee members may view completed applications at the Enrollment Office prior to or at the next meeting.
E. If the staff, Executive Director, or Membership Committee does not act on the application within their 30 days time to review, then the application may be acted upon by Tribal Resolution.
F. Updating the Membership Roll – Within 30 days of receipt of a certified list of approved applicants from the Membership Committee, the Executive Director shall update the tribal membership roll.

Section 8. CDIB II

Any applicant who does not meet the ¼, or more, degree of blood requirement of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Constitution Article IV Section 1, but is descended from a member, may receive a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood II certificate. Said certificate will indicate the person's Indian blood quantums as calculated by the Enrollment Department, and have a statement that the person is a descendant of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes but is not an enrolled member. Said certificate confers only such status and benefits as are specifically granted in other applicable law.

Section 9. LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

There are two ways in which membership in these Tribes may be lost. **Relinquishment** is a voluntary forfeiture of membership. **Disenrollment** is an involuntary loss of membership.

A. Relinquishment

i) **By an adult member**.
(1) Any adult member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes may voluntarily relinquish his or her membership. Relinquishments must:
(a) be in writing ("Notices of Relinquishment");
(b) include the relinquishing member's current address;
(c) be notarized;
(d) contain a statement that the person is legally competent, not under the influence of any intoxicating substance, the decision has not been influenced by threats or illegal actions, the person knows the consequences of relinquishment and that once done they cannot rejoin the Tribe, and,
(e) be signed and dated by the member and two witnesses at the Department of Enrollment offices in the presence of enrollment staff.
(2) Mailed Relinquishments shall be on the form provided by the Office and be notarized. The Department staff shall attempt to contact the person to verify that they intended to relinquish membership and shall document such verification.
(3) No formal action shall be required by the Membership Committee or any other tribal entity, office, or authority in order for relinquishments to become effective. Relinquishments shall be considered effective as of the date of the member's relinquishment notice.
(4) Notices of acceptance of a valid Relinquishment shall sent to the person relinquishing and be added to and maintained in the person's permanent enrollment file.

ii) **By a minor** – The membership of any member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes who is not at least 18 years of age may only be relinquished by written consent of both parents, or if the parents are not married, the parent having legal custody and not prohibited by any court ordered custody terms. or the minor's permanent legal guardian(s). Relinquishments for minors shall reasonably conform to the same requirements that adult relinquishments are subject to under subsection 8 (A)(i) of this Section. The Executive Director of Enrollment shall exercise the utmost scrutiny in determining that individuals attempting to relinquish the membership of any minor tribal member possess the legal authority to do so.

iii) **By a ward** – The membership of any member who is the ward of a guardian shall be approved by the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribal court or the court having jurisdiction over the guardianship. The court shall find that it is in the best interest of the ward to relinquish membership. Any person who relinquished

their membership prior to the effective date of this law and is a ward at the time of reapplication, and can show evidence that they were incompetent at the time of the relinquishment, may make application to the Department, on their own or through their guardian, to have the prior relinquishment voided.

iv) **Conditional Relinquishment** – Individuals desiring to relinquish membership with the Tribes in order to join another tribe shall be notified of the option of conditional relinquishment and provided a Conditional Relinquishment Form. Conditional relinquishment may be exercised upon swearing, under penalty of perjury, that the member will notify the Tribes of his or her acceptance into the membership of another tribe and shall become effective on the date of acceptance of the relinquishing individual into the membership of another tribe. Members submitting Conditional Relinquishment Forms shall not be removed from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' membership roll until documentation of the acceptance into the other tribe's membership is received. No benefits given to members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes shall be given to a member after they submit a conditional relinquishment. Individuals shall be notified of their duty, under the laws of the Tribes, to return any monies or other benefits received by the member from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes after the member's effective date of acceptance into the membership of another tribe.

v) **Membership after relinquishment** – An adult member who relinquishes his or her membership in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes permanently severs his or her membership with the Tribes and shall not be permitted to rejoin the Tribes. A minor member whose membership has been relinquished by a parent or legal guardian may submit an application for membership on his or her own behalf after reaching the age of 18, provided the individual still meets membership eligibility requirements established by the Constitution.

vi) **Updating the membership roll** – Within 30 days of receipt of a Notice of Relinquishment, or verification of acceptance into the membership of another tribe in cases of conditional relinquishment, the Executive Director of the Department of Enrollment shall update the membership roll with the effective date of the member's relinquishment.

B. Disenrollment

i) Burden of Proof – The burden of proof in a disenrollment action shall rest with the Tribes.

ii) **Who may be disenrolled? –** A tribal member may be subject to disenrollment action when it is discovered that:
1. If it is discovered that any person on the current tribal roll, who is not a base enrollee, did not file and application and submit documentation before being placed on the tribal roll, that person may be requested to provided such an application and documentation proving their eligibility for membership, or face a disenrollment action.
2. a member's enrollment in the Tribes is erroneous; there shall be a

rebuttable presumption that an enrollment is erroneous if the member's application and/or enrollment file lacks adequate documentation to show he or she has met the burden of proving membership eligibility;
3. a member is discovered to be currently enrolled with another Indian tribe and is determined to have shared in land or money as a member of another tribe.

iii) **Procedures for disenrollment**.
(1) The Membership Committee has the sole authority to make initial disenrollment decisions.
(2) Any member subject to disenrollment shall be provided an opportunity to contest the disenrollment action at a hearing before the Membership Committee.
(3) A member subject to disenrollment under subsection 8(B)(i) of this Section, shall be notified by reasonable means, including first class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, of any disenrollment action affecting the tribal member, including the date, time, and place of the disenrollment hearing, as required under subsection 8(B)(ii)(1) of this Section.
(4) Notice of Disenrollment Action shall be sent to the affected tribal member at least 30 days prior to the date set for hearing.
(5) Whether or not the affected tribal member makes an appearance at the disenrollment hearing or otherwise files a response, the Membership Committee bears the burden of showing that disenrollment is proper. This burden must be met before disenrollment may be effectuated against any tribal member.
(6) If the Membership Committee determines disenrollment to be a proper course of action, such a determination, along with all supporting documentation, shall be added to and maintained in the tribal member's permanent enrollment file. Disenrollments must be approved by at least two-thirds of seated members of the Committee, and specific findings shall be issued by the Committee to support any action to disenroll a tribal member.
(7) Disenrolled tribal members shall be notified by reasonable means, including first class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested. Such notice shall outline the disenrollee's appeal rights, and the disenrollee shall be provided a copy of Section 9 provisions governing appeals.

iii. **Updating the Membership Roll** – Within 30 days of receipt of a certified disenrollment action of the Membership Committee, the Executive Director shall update the tribal membership roll including the effective dates of disenrollments.

iv. **Reapplying for Membership –** Persons who have been disenrolled may submit a new application for membership when adequate documentation of eligibility has been obtained. Such applications will be processed considering the result of the disenrollment process and any appeal.

Section 9. APPEALS

A. Eligibility – The following persons shall be eligible to file an appeal of an adverse enrollment action in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes:
1. Any applicant who has been denied membership status; or
2. Any person who has been disenrolled.

B. Time for Filing an Appeal – An appeal from an adverse enrollment action must be filed in the Trial Court within 30 days of the date the member received notice of the adverse enrollment action. Failure to timely file an appeal will result in an automatic waiver of any right to appeal the adverse enrollment action.

C. Notice of Appeal- A Notice of Appeal shall be in writing and filed with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court. The Notice of Appeal shall include a Statement of Reasons for the appeal and shall include, as an attachment, a copy of the decision being appealed. Notices of Appeal shall be filed in accordance with the Tribes' Code of Civil Procedure and the provisions governing original filings at the Trial Court level. The Code of Civil Procedure shall be liberally construed, in favor of the appellant, for appeals brought under the authority of this Ordinance.

D. Appeal Procedures – Within 30 days of the date upon which a Notice of Appeal has been filed, the Clerk of the Trial Court shall request the complete administrative record of the adverse enrollment action from the Department of Enrollment. The Department of Enrollment shall forward the entire administrative record to the Clerk of the Trial Court within ten days of such request by the Clerk of the Trial Court. The Appellate Procedure of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Law and Order Code shall be applicable for appeals brought under the authority of this Ordinance and shall be liberally construed in favor of the appellant. Final judgment of the Trial Court on enrollment appeals may be appealed to the Supreme Court in accordance with the Tribes' Appellate Procedure.

E. Standard of Review – Appeals from an adverse enrollment action shall be subject to reversal if the Court finds the action to be arbitrary, capricious, or contrary to law.

Section 10. RECORDS

A. Contents of Individual Membership Files – An individual folder shall be established for each tribal member and applicant. The folder shall contain the following items in original form or copies from the original made by the Department:

1. Membership application(s) and all supporting documentation submitted pursuant to Section 6;
2. Birth Certificate;
3. Death Certificate;
4. Correspondence; and,
5. All other documentation received by the Department of Enrollment that is related to membership.

B. Contents of Tribal Roll – The Tribal Roll shall contain the full name of each Tribal Member, their year of birth, and whether they identify themselves as Cheyenne or Arapaho.

C. Access to Tribal Enrollment Records

(i) **Tribal Roll** – The Tribes' membership roll may be viewed by any member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. The enrollment department of any other federally recognized Indian tribe may be informed if a person on their roll is also on the Cheyenne and Arapaho membership roll. Any information transmitted between enrollment departments shall be kept confidential as provided in the respective tribe's law.

(ii) **Confidentiality of Individual Membership Files –** Information in individual membership files shall be considered confidential. The contents of individual membership files shall only be made available to the enrollment department, the individual member, and the parents or legal guardian(s) of individual members who are under the age of eighteen or a ward. Individual membership files, in whole or in part, may be released only upon specific authorization of the individual member, or the parents or legal guardian(s) of individual members who are minors or a ward, or as otherwise provided under this Ordinance. Requests for membership records must be made in writing to the Department of Enrollment.

(iii)**Special Concerns Regarding Adopted Members** – An adopted person's eligibility for enrollment is determined through one or both of the natural parents. Documentary evidence submitted to support an adopted person's application must show relationship to the natural parent through whom eligibility for enrollment is determined. The information concerning adopted persons shall be recorded as confidential and shall not be made available to any other person than the individual tribal member, his or her parent or legal guardian, or any person authorized pursuant to the law of the jurisdiction of the adoption. This information shall be stored in locked file cabinets and safeguards equivalent to the Indian Child Welfare program standards shall be installed to ensure that the confidentiality of these records shall not be violated.

D. Updating the Tribal Member information – Upon receipt of documentation

deemed acceptable by the Executive Director, enrollment staff are authorized and required to update information on the tribal roll. Documentation related to the following shall require updates to the tribal membership roll:

1. Address changes;
2. Amended Birth Certificates;
3. Adoptions;
4. Name changes due to marriage or divorce;
5. Other court ordered or legally sanctioned name changes;
6. Disenrollments;
7. The death of a tribal member.

E. Updating Enrollment Records – Upon receipt of documentation deemed acceptable by the Executive Director, enrollment staff are authorized and required to update information contained in individual membership files. Any changes made to individual membership files for which no documentation has been submitted, or otherwise made available, shall be authorized in writing by the Membership Committee and said authorization shall include the reason for the change in the absence of acceptable documentation. A copy of the Membership Committee's written authorization shall be added to and maintained in the individual membership files.

Section 11. The Department of Enrollment shall maintain the Voter Registration List as a subset of the membership list, as provided by the election law, and shall provide said list to the Election Commission on request for purposes of conducting elections.

Section 12. MEMBERSHIP FOR INDIVIDUALS ADOPTED BY MEMBERS

No person may become a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes through adoption. To be eligible for membership, applicants must meet the biological blood quantum requirement established by the Constitution.

Section 13. ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES

The Executive Director of the Department of Enrollment is hereby authorized to establish reasonable fees, and the method of collecting such fees, for the Department of Enrollment for the issuance of replacement Certificate Degree of Indian Blood ID cards, tribal employee ID cards, or any other tribal ID service.

Section 14. FORMS

The Executive Director of the Department of Enrollment shall create and/or approve forms to facilitate enrollment procedures and processes. Said forms shall conform to the intent and purpose of this Ordinance, the Department of

Enrollment regulations and shall provide, at a minimum, the following forms to tribal members and/or applicants:

1. Membership Application, enrollment and CDIB II
2. Family Tree Chart
3. Computation of Blood Quantum
4. Release of Information by other tribes
5. Request for Information from other tribes
6. Address and Name Change Forms
7. Conditional Relinquishment Form
8. Notice of Relinquishment

Section 15. RESERVED

Section 16. SEVERABILITY

If any section, or part thereof, of this ordinance or the application thereof to any party, person, or entity or in any circumstance, shall be held invalid for any reason whatsoever by a court of competent jurisdiction or by the Department of the Interior, the remainder of the section or part of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect as though no section, or part thereof, has been declared to be invalid.

Section 17. CERTIFICATE OF ENACTMENT

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the _____, convention of the Tribal Council, do hereby certify that a quorum was present at the Special Tribal Council Meeting on the _____, and that the foregoing amendment to the Membership Ordinance was adopted with an affirmative vote of ___ for, ___ opposed, and ___ abstaining. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Membership Ordinance is hereby duly enacted and shall become effective on the date of approval by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

_____
Chairman

Attest:

_____
Secretary